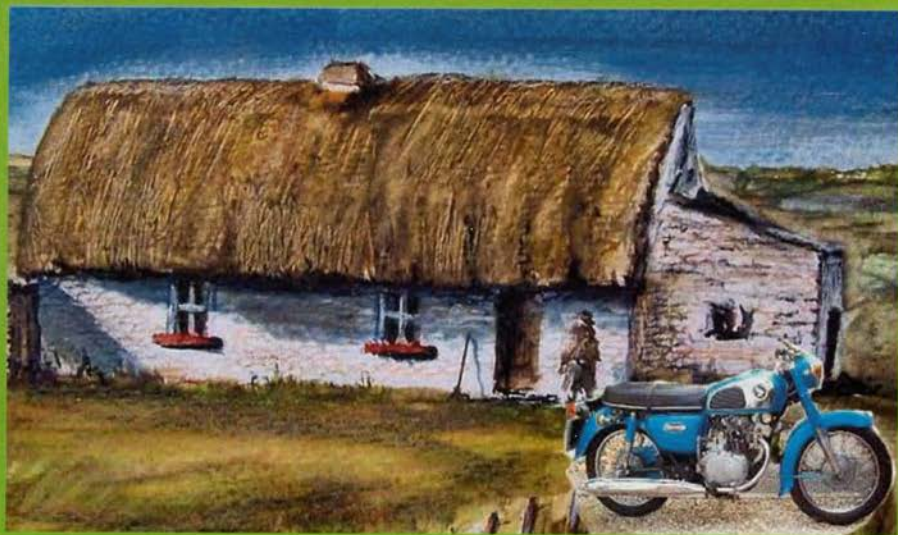


Clonmel Theatre Guild

Brian Friel's
Fast paced hilarious comedy

The Communication Cord



Raheen House Hotel
30th March – 2nd April 2016



Directed by Paul Kelly
Produced by Adrienne Small

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The Play

The Communication Cord is set in a remote thatched cottage in the townland of Ballybeg, Co Donegal which has been converted into a weekend retreat for the urban élite. Smooth talking barrister Jack loans this cottage to his friend Tim, a shy linguistics lecturer, for one hour so that he may impress his girlfriend's father, the domineering Senator Dr Donovan in order to secure his daughter's hand in marriage and hopefully at the same time tenure in a Dublin University. However, not everything goes according to plan resulting in complications, cover-ups and confusion which is constantly hilarious.

The Cast

Tim Gallagher

Jack McNeilis

Senator Dr Donovan

Susan Donovan

Nora Dan

Claire Harkin

Barney the Banks

Evette Giroux

John Morris

Dan Kennedy

Edmond Ryan

Grainne O'Donnell

Carol Acheson

Bernadette Culhane

Jim Malone

Catherine McVicker



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Tipperary County Council

A Message from Director Paul Kelly

Good evening and welcome,

A group of like-minded people sat around a table 47 years ago and decided to form the Clonmel Theatre Guild. Some of those who sat in Hearn's Hotel that evening, I became well acquainted with and learned a lot from, I will always be thankful to you...

When I first read *The Communication Cord*, I thought to myself, yes you can do this, and accepted the challenge to take on the piece. However, as time progressed, I soon realised how difficult the task of getting it to the stage would be. The play did challenge our team and many obstacles had to be overcome along the rehearsal route, but luckily for me in my first role as Director with the Guild, I was fortunate to have the unparalleled commitment of everyone involved. I can honestly say that tonight's play would not have been possible without the commitment of such a hard working, dedicated cast and crew, nothing seemed impossible to anyone, both on or off stage.

However, a play also needs its audience, so to you who have come out to support us over the years and again tonight, we are thankful and do hope you enjoy the fruits of our efforts.



People Behind the Scenes

Director

Paul Kelly

Producer & PR

Adrienne Small

Stage & Props Manager

Carolanne Mullooly

Set Design & Build

Edmond Ryan & Mark Small

Sound & Lighting

Laura Black, Paul Kelly & Mark Small

Costumes

Bernadette Culhane

MC

Michael Hennessy



Backstage & Front of House Crew

Breeda Hennessy, Pamela O'Riordan, Ger Meagher, Rory Moroney, Patricia Keane, Tom Callery, Juanita Guidera, Imogen Ryan & Jenny Doyle

A Message from Chairman Ger Meagher

Welcome to our Dinner Theatre production of Brian Friel's 'The Communication Cord', directed by Paul Kelly. Grateful thanks to Paul and his cast and backstage team for weeks of preparation and rehearsals. Thanks to Raheen House Hotel, as ever, for accommodating us and indeed for the beautiful meal you the audience will enjoy tonight. Finally thanks to everyone for making this possible and you the audience from Clonmel and surrounding areas.

Ger Meagher



The Guild

Clonmel Theatre Guild was founded in 1969 when a group of people came together in Hearn's Hotel. Since then the Guild has harnessed the best of local talent to direct, produce and act in many different genres of drama. From the hilarious to the serious and everything in between, Clonmel Theatre Guild has brought many famous plays to South Tipperary audiences over the years.

2015/16 Committee

President - Michael Hennessy, Chairperson - Ger Meagher, Artistic Director - Edmond Ryan, Secretary - Jim Malone, Treasurer & PRO - Adrienne Small

Life Vice-Presidents

Denis O'Sullivan, Stella O'Sullivan, Mary Burke, Margot Prendergast

Opening night raffle in aid of the South Tipperary Autism Support Group



Invitation to Join

Membership of Clonmel Theatre Guild is open to anyone interested in the various aspects of community theatre.

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