



# Clonmel Theatre Guild

John B Keane's

# THE FIELD

White Memorial Theatre

16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Directed by  
Anne Williamson

Produced by Adrienne Small

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## The Cast & Characters

**Thady “The Bull” McCabe - *Ger Meagher*** - The play’s main character and anti-hero, Bull is as strong as an ox – and just as powerful. Having grazed and rented Maggie Butler’s field for five years, along with his son Tadhg, Bull believes he is the rightful owner



**“The Bird” O’Donnell - *Kevin Fahey*** - A mischievous calf buyer and a regular at Flanagan’s pub, Bird is an acquaintance of The McCabes



**Tadhg McCabe - *John Morris*** - Bull’s son and faithful companion, who too shares his father’s passion for the land

**Mick Flanagan - *John Leahy*** - The local publican and auctioneer, Mick is mendacious and sly and is another acquaintance of the McCabes, who attempts to help them secure the field



**Maimie Flanagan - *Catherine O’Donnell*** - Mick’s younger wife and the mother of his nine children. Maimie is flirtatious and charming and has a bitter, strained relationship with her husband, whilst maintaining a strong relationship with her eldest son Leamy

**Leamy Flanagan - *Trysten Afrin*** - Mick and Maimie’s eldest son

**Maggie Butler - *Carol Acheson*** - An elderly widow, who has rented her late husband’s field to The McCabes for the past five years. Maggie is frail and destitute and wishes to put the field up for public auction, much to the McCabe’s disgust

**William Dee - *Caolán Deehy-Power*** - A young Galway man, who has been living in England for twelve years. Considered an “outsider”, William decides to bid against the Bull McCabe for Maggie Butler’s field

**Dandy McCabe - *Paul Kelly*** - The Bull McCabe’s first cousin, who, unlike Bull, is honest and jovial

**Mrs McCabe - *Majella Carrigan*** - Dandy’s wife of twenty years

**Sgt Tom Leahy - *Jim Malone***

**Fr Murphy - *Desmond Cunningham***

**The Bishop - *Tom Callery***

**Village Girls - *Adele Armstrong & Holly Jean Williamson***

**The Flanagan Children - *Leah Alyward, Brianna Boyle & Tara Malone***



## The Play

Set in the small village of Carraigthomond in southwest Ireland in the early 1960s, The Field tells the story of the hardened Irish farmer “Bull” McCabe and his love for the land he rents. The “Bull” has spent five hard years of labour cultivating a small plot of rented land, nurturing it from barren rock into a fertile field. When the owner of the field decides to auction it, he believes that he has a claim to the land. He decides to deal with the situation in the only way he knows and his actions have tragic consequences.

### A Message from Director Anne Williamson

You are all very welcome to this production of John B Keane's masterpiece The Field.

When asked to direct something for Clonmel Theatre Guild by the committee, this play popped into my mind. Why? It just felt right and this play has everything - laughter - tears - love - one that could pull on the heartstrings of any audience.

I hope you enjoy my interpretation of the play and the casting of the many characters and creation of their mannerisms.

I am proud to be associated with this production and have enjoyed working with a great cast, crew and hardworking committee who have treated me with the greatest respect and courtesy.

I am also very pleased to be the director bringing “The Field” to Clonmel for the first time and making a small piece of history.

Enjoy.

### A Message from Chairperson Carol Acheson

I was so thrilled when Anne Williamson told us at Clonmel Theatre Guild of her plans to stage “The Field” in Clonmel. I must say it has been a fantastic experience to be part of bringing John B Keane's iconic play to life. I want to pay a huge tribute to Anne and all the cast and crew for all their efforts. Finally, I want to thank you the audience for choosing to support Clonmel Theatre Guild and hope to see you all again for future productions.



A donation from the opening night raffle will be made to  
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**Brú Columbanus**  
home from home accommodation  
for families of patients in Cork hospitals

## People Behind the Scenes

Director

Producer & PR

Stage & Props Manager

Set Design & Build

Sound & Lighting

Front of House

Poster Design

Costumes

Anne Williamson

Adrienne Small

Adele Armstrong

Edmond Ryan & Mark Small

Carolanne Mullooly

Ann Loh-Wrenne

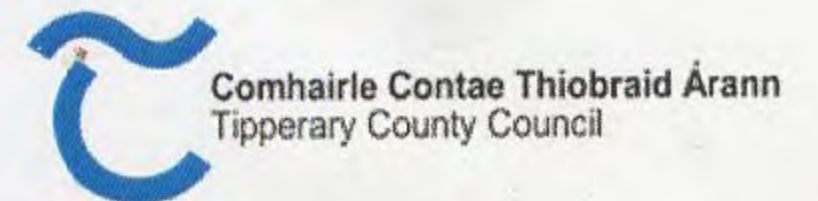
Holly Jean Williamson

Fionn Mac Cumhaill Drama Company



## Front of House Crew

Patricia Keane, Rory Moroney, Edmond Ryan, Karen Walsh, Carol Murphy, Mark Small, Juanita Guidera, Hugh Hennessy & Janet de Souza



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## 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.

### 2016/17 Committee

President - Michael Hennessy, Chairperson - Carol Acheson, Artistic Director - Edmond Ryan, Secretary - Jim Malone, Treasurer & PRO - Adrienne Small, CPO - Carolanne Mullooly

### *Life Vice-Presidents*

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

## Invitation to Join

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