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Director's Note

I often think of a play as 'born' with the Writer, who passes it to the hands of the Director who nurtures it with the Actors and finally turns it over to the Audience. From a Play to a Production to a Performance – like a gift passed to and shared among a 'community' of like-minded people.

I choose 'Aristocrats' to direct for RTG's Spring production in the dlr Mill Theatre, as I hugely admire Brian Friel's work. I have previously directed 'Living Quarters' and 'Translations' and was privileged to have played lead roles in 'Dancing at Lughnasa' and 'Philadelphia Here I Come'.

While there is a lot of hard work, time and commitment required to stage any production, I am blessed with a committed group of actors, and a dedicated production team, the unsung heroes of all our plays. Finally, a big thanks to you the audience, as without you we do not have a performance. I truly hope you enjoy the show.

Carmel Cullen

Next Production of Rathfarnham Theatre Group

Waiting for Elvis

by Eileen Gibbons

directed by Helen Cullen

Pearse Museum, St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham

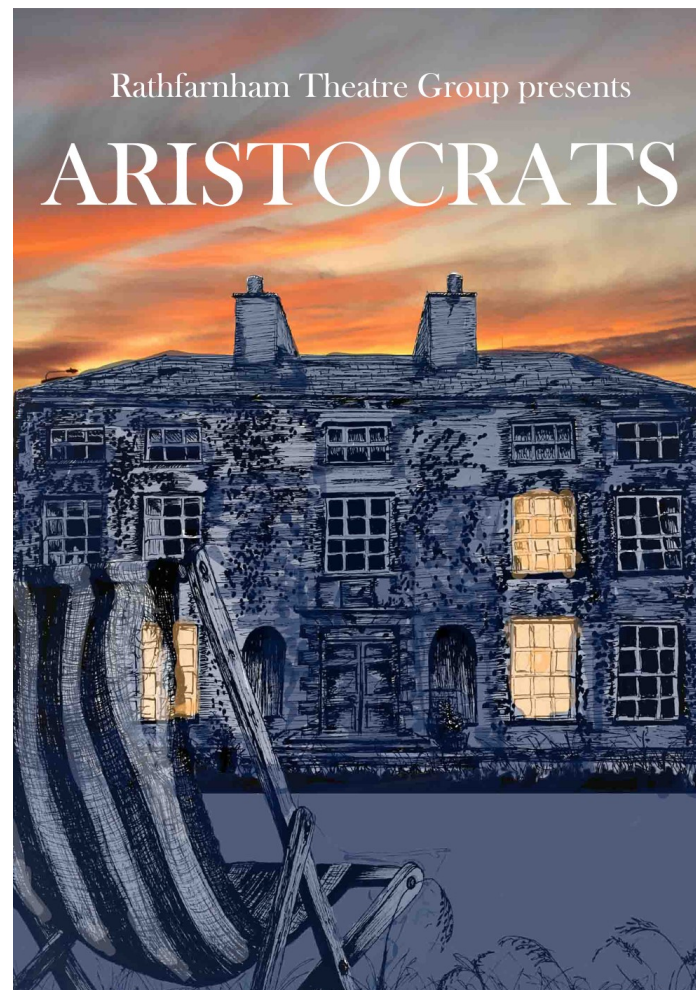
Sat 11th and Sun 12th May 2024

Maureen O'Hara Studio, dlr Mill Theatre, Dundrum

Tue 14th and Wed 15th May 2024

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Written by Brian Friel
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Theatricals
Directed by Carmel Cullen
Tue 26th to Sat 30th March 2024
dlr Mill Theatre Dundrum
www.milltheatre.ie



Cast
Tom Hoffnung/Father



Eamonn Cullen
Eamonn, has played many roles with RTG. Willie Loman in Death of a Salesman, Captain Boyle in Juno and the Paycock and William Chumley in Harvey. In Aristocrats, he is Tom, a visiting American academic and Father, the O'Donnell patriarch.

Cast
Claire



Deirdre Leavy
Deirdre joined RTG in 2022 making her RTG acting debut as Lady Windermere, in Lady Windermere's Fan. She is back with RTG, treading the boards as Claire, the delicate and very musical youngest daughter in the O'Donnell household.

Anna/Director



Carmel Cullen
Carmel joined RTG over 30 years ago. She has acted in and directed a wide range of productions. In our November 2023 production of Harvey she played Betty, the wife of the psychiatrist, Dr Chumley. As Anna, she has spent most of her life in Africa as a nun.

Willie Diver



Columb Casey
Columb, has appeared in many RTG productions including, Big Maggie, The Salvage Shop, The Cripple of Inishmaan and as Elwood P Dowd in our Nov 2023 production of Harvey. As Willie, he is a decent, helpful local man.

Judith



Suzanne McEnaney
Suzanne joined RTG in 2022 first acting in Lady Windermere's Fan. She went from riches to rags, as a plebian in RTGs production in the Pearse Museum in 2023. She is now playing the part of Judith the eldest of the O'Donnell siblings.

In 2023 Carmel directed the Cripple of Inishmaan and in 2024 she is directing Aristocrats.

Crew

Director	Carmel Cullen
Producer	Carl Lusby
Stage Manager	Deirdre Nally
Lighting and Sound	Barry
Donaldson	
Set Construction	Tom Ronayne
Set Design	Carmel Cullen
	Brian O'Connor
PRO	Helen O'Brien
Backstage	RTG Crew
Front of House	RTG Crew

Uncle George



Noel Young
Noel has been an invaluable member of RTG for many years. He has acted in And Then There Were None and Lady Windermere's Fan. In February, he played Sean in Salad Days in the Pearse Museum. As Uncle George he is a quiet, reserved man.

Alice



Deirdre Dunlevy
Deirdre has acted in a number of plays with RTG including One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The Importance of Being Earnest, Big Maggie and The Approach. As Alice she now lives in London and has returned for her sister's wedding.

Casimir



Roy Grimson
Roy first performed with RTG in Juno and the Paycock. He played Lord Darlington in Lady Windermere's Fan and a very different role as Bartley in The Cripple of Inishmaan. As Casimir he is a sweet natured man who has come back home for his sister's wedding.

Eamon



Oisín Lyons
Oisín, who joined RTG in 2022, acted in Lady Windermere's Fan, and was Dr Sanderson in our Nov 2023 production of Harvey. As Eamon he is a character who has a complicated relationship with his wife and with her family home!

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