

Milltown Drama Society
proudly presents
Hugh Leonard's

Da

-a memory play-



Milltown Community Centre
Fri 28th & Sat 29th March 2025 8pm

Milltown Drama Society:

Re-established in 2014, the Milltown Drama Society is committed to continuing Milltown's proud tradition of producing exceptional amateur drama.

Previous Productions:

- 2014: M.J. Molloy, The Paddy Pedlar
- 2015: John B. Keane, Many Young Men of Twenty
- 2016: Sean O'Casey, The Plough and the Stars
- 2017: Arthur Miller, All My Sons
- 2018: Brian Friel, Philadelphia, Here I Come!
- 2019: J.M. Synge, The Playboy of the Western World
- 2022: Oscar Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest
- 2023: Fred Carmichael, Out of Sight... Out of Murder
- 2024: Bernard Farrell, "I Do Not Like Thee, Dr Fell"
- 2025: Hugh Leonard, Da

Welcome/Fáilte:

As Chairperson, I am pleased to welcome you all here to a milestone tenth MDS production of the modern era. Winner of the 1978 Tony Award for Best Play, "Da" is a memory play written by Dublin playwright, Hugh Leonard. The story revolves around the living memory of Charlie, a grown man who returns home to Ireland after the death of his father only to find the old man's presence still very much alive. As Charlie rummages through his father's belongings, he surrenders to his own memories, both hilarious and wrenching, as the complexity of his upbringing comes alive before his eyes. Heart-warming and humorous, MDS is delighted to bring Hugh Leonard's timeless masterpiece to our audience in 2025.

MDS are proud of all that has been achieved in a decade of amateur drama productions. Each year, we strive to create high-quality drama, continually challenging ourselves to explore new genres. We're proud to welcome fresh faces both on stage and behind the scenes, while also nurturing hidden talents within our members that may have never been discovered before. I am delighted to say that Milltown's rich heritage in drama is in safe hands with the enthusiasm and energy of all involved and we look forward to what the next decade might bring.

As the saying goes "it takes a village" and we are so grateful for the unwavering support of our community groups, local businesses, our patrons and sponsors who are always so giving of their time, money, support and encouragement. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful MDS committee who have worked diligently alongside the cast, crew and directorial team to bring Hugh Leonard's "Da" to the stage.

Finally, to you our audience, your staunch support and positivity every year gives us in MDS the drive to continue to entertain you. Tonight, we hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane with Charlie, sharing in the tender, frustrating, comedic moments that defined the complex relationship between a father and son.

Mise le meas,
Eddie Ruane, Chairperson MDS

MDS Committee:

- Chairperson: Eddie Ruane
- Secretary: Alice Fleming
- Treasurer: Saranna Leonard
- PRO: Bláithín McWalters

Committee:

Anne Concannon, Bríd McHugh, Eamon Blake, Edel Rhatigan, Eleanor Sheridan, Frank McHugh, Helen Sheridan, Jane McGuinn, Leanne Coyne, Marion Greene, Ollie McHugh, Paul Kelly, Paul Singleton, Rachel Kenny, Ray McGrath, Rory Hynes, Sarah Boyle, Sinéad Sheridan, Tara Hynes.

Crew:

- Director: Rory Hynes
- Producer: Eleanor Sheridan
- Asst. Director: Rachel Kenny
- Set Design: Paul Singleton
- Set Décor: Gerry Greene & Louisa McHugh
- Sound: Stable Productions, Tuam
- Lighting: Indigo Lighting
- Lighting Technician: Paul Kelly, Bríd McHugh
- Artwork: Louisa McHugh
- Make-up: Emma Rhatigan, Tír na nÓg Beauty & Skincare
- Hair: Ev's Hair and Beauty
- Promotional Material: MW Design, Print & Signs Ltd
- Backstage: Anne Concannon, Mattie Concannon, Eleanor Sheridan, Eamon Blake
- Front of House: Ann Coyne, Ann Tierney, Cathal Sheridan, Claire Brogan, Debbie Larney, Eva Leonard, Helen Sheridan, Jane McGuinn, Linda Walsh, Martin Gallagher, Mary Concannon, Zoe McHugh.

Cast in Order of Appearance:

Charlie Tynan	Ray McGrath
Oliver	Ollie McHugh
Da	Frank McHugh
Mother	Lisa Dowd-Hynes
Young Charlie	Stephen Leo
Drumm	Gary Curran
Mary Tate, The Yellow Peril	Emma Kirrane
Mrs. Prynne	Marion Greene

Setting:

The kitchen in the childhood home of Charlie in Dalkey Dublin, May 1968. Flashbacks and remembrances of places and times past; Dalkey Seafront, Dalkey Hill, Drumm's Office and Mrs Prynne's Garden.



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The Connacht Cup:

The Connacht Cup is a competition under the auspices of the Connacht Council of the ADCI (Amateur Drama Council of Ireland) for amateur drama groups in Connacht who do not participate in the full length festival competition circuit. MDS warmly welcome Eileen Davey, ADCI Connacht Cup adjudicator, and we look forward to her critique of our 2025 production.

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