



MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY

presents...

"I DO NOT LIKE THEE, DR. FELL"

FRIDAY 22nd &
SATURDAY 23rd
MARCH 2024
8pm

by BERNARD FARRELL

MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE



Celebrating 10 Years 2014 - 2024

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
M.J. MOLLOY
1914 CENTENARY CELEBRATION
hosted by Jim Carney
featuring
THE PADDY PEDLAR
A one act play
At 8pm on
Friday 11th April 2014
In Milltown Community Centre
Tickets €10

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
JOHN B. KEANE'S
MANY YOUNG MEN OF TWENTY
A musical play
An amateur production by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.
Friday 20th March &
Saturday 21st March
at 8.00pm in
MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tickets on Sale: €10.00
Come along and help the many young men of twenty say goodbye!

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
Sean O'Casey's
THE PLOUGH & THE STARS
An amateur production by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.
Friday 4th March &
Saturday 5th March 2016
at 8.00pm in
MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tickets on Sale: €10.00
1916 • Celebrate the Centenary in Milltown! • 2016

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
Arthur Miller's
ALL MY SONS
Friday 7th April 2017
at 8.00pm in
THE MALL THEATRE, TUAM.

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
PHILADELPHIA
THREE RINGS FESTIVAL
Here I Come!
by BRIAN FRIEL
Friday 27th April 2018
at 8.00pm in
THE MALL THEATRE, TUAM
Tickets: €10.00

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
- presents -
THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD
By ZSU ZSU
THREE RINGS FESTIVAL
THE MALL THEATRE, TUAM.
Saturday 30th March 2019
Curtain 8.00pm • Tickets: €10.00

Milltown Drama Society
- presents -
The Importance of Being Earnest
by Oscar Wilde
Thurs 31st March
Fri 1st & Sat 2nd April 2022
at 8.00pm in
MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
Tickets (€5 available online on
MDS Facebook Page & in local outlets

MILLTOWN DRAMA SOCIETY
OUT OF SIGHT... OUT OF MURDER
by PENELOPE WILTON
FRIDAY 31st MARCH & SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2023
TICKETS €10 AVAILABLE AT MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE & LOCAL OUTLETS
MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE • 8PM

Welcome/ Fáilte:

As Chairman, I am delighted to welcome you all here to the 9th MDS production. We're so grateful for the unwavering support of our local community groups, local businesses, our patrons and our sponsors. I would like to thank the MDS committee who have worked diligently alongside the cast, crew and directorial team to bring Bernard Farrell's comedy to the stage in Milltown.

"I Do Not Like Thee, Dr. Fell" was Bernard Farrell's first full-length play and it proved to be an instant success here at home and abroad for the Irish born writer. First performed in 1979 at the Peacock Theatre, and featuring a young Liam Neeson in the cast, the play pokes fun at the whole concept of 'therapy groups', which had thrived during the late 1960s and for much of the 1970s.

In contrast to the setting for last year's play which found us transported to an old mansion in Vermont, tonight we take you to far less sumptuous surroundings, a locked, windowless room in a three storey building. You will be introduced to six people who have gathered for "Encounter Therapy" that promises to probe their lives. They, and their therapist, get more than they bargained for when Joe Fell exposes their real secrets in this send-up of American group therapy.

We hope you enjoy this black comedy which balances laughter and a hint of sadness. Be with our therapist and her clients as together we spend the night, in Suzy's words, "in search of inner knowledge, of ourselves, and of others."

Mise le meas, Eamon Blake, MDS Chairman.

MDS Committee:

Chairman:	Eamon Blake
Treasurer:	Saranna Leonard
Secretary:	Alice Fleming
PRO:	Bláithín McWalters
Committee:	Bríd McHugh, Jane McGuinn, Anne Concannon, Marion Greene, Cathrina Healy, Eleanor Sheridan, Paul Singleton, Eddie Ruane, Ray McGrath, Ollie Barrett, Paul Kelly, Ollie McHugh, Rachel Kenny, Frank McHugh, Sinéad Sheridan, Helen Sheridan.

Celebrating 10 Years:

It is with a certain amount of pride that MDS can look back on the 10 years that have passed since the society was re-formed in 2014. Prior to this, in the 1990's, a few short plays were staged in Sheridan's function room, but since the transformation of Milltown Community Centre into a theatre venue in 2014, eight full length productions have graced the boards, bringing a wealth of local talent to the fore. Huge audiences have supported MDS in the past decade making the end of March, and the yearly play, a focal point for our community.

The revival of the society in 2014 was prompted by the desire to honour the centenary of the birth of native Milltown playwright M.J. Molloy (1914 - 1994). He is ranked with J.M. Synge and W.B. Yeats as a colossus of Irish drama and has left a treasure trove of plays, folklore and history as his legacy. On the night of 11th April 2014 an audience of almost 500 people packed the community centre for a special night to celebrate M.J. Molloy's works. A panel discussion, hosted by Jim Carney (himself a producer of "The Country Boy" staged in Milltown in 1980), featured M.J.'s nephew, Jarlath Molloy, and experts in Irish drama, Dr. Riana O'Dwyer and Lelia Doolan. The visit of the Druid Theatre Company to the CYMS Hall to perform "The Wood of the Whispering" in 1983 was fondly recalled. A specially commissioned piece of music, "Planxty Joe Molloy", was composed by M.J.'s grand-niece, Breffni Molloy, and premiered by Breffni and her sisters, Niamh and Deirbhile, on harp, fiddle and concertina. MDS' performance of Molloy's "The Paddy Pedlar" followed and was staged to great acclaim.

Subsequent plays chosen by MDS have featured many other Irish playwrights such as Keane, O'Casey, Friel, Synge, and Wilde, interspersed with American dramatists, Miller and Carmichael. Their works, traversing various themes and genres including immigration, revolution, world wars, family, love, satire and murder-mystery, have captivated our audiences. MDS salute the immense contributions of all past and present members of our society who were involved in these productions.

Milltown's association with drama dates way back to the early decades of the twentieth century when plays were performed in the local national schools. With the construction of the CYMS hall in 1939, drama was given a home and throughout the 1940's and 50's actors and audiences alike embraced amateur dramatics as an acceptable form of entertainment during Lent. Through the 50's and 60's at least twenty plays were staged with a great number of parishioners treading the boards. One actor whose name appears over and over on cast lists in this period is Gabriel McWalters Snr. His granddaughter Bláithín takes to the stage tonight. A unique link with Milltown's dramatic past.

The Scenes of the Play:

Act I. Eight o'clock in the evening, upstairs in a therapy room.

Act II. Later that night.

Cast:



Paddy
Ollie McHugh



Suzy Bernstein
Sinéad Sheridan



Joe Fell
Ollie Barrett



Roger
Gary Curran



Maureen
Bláithín McWalters



Peter
Frank McHugh



Rita
Marion Greene

Crew:

Director:	Ray McGrath
Asst. Director:	Rachel Kenny
Set Construction and Design:	Paul Singleton
Set Décor:	Gerry Greene
Costumes:	Marion Greene and cast
Make-up:	Emma Rhatigan, Tír na nÓg Beauty & Skincare
Hair:	Ev's Hair and Beauty
Lighting Technician:	Brid McHugh
Backstage:	Anne Concannon, Mattie Concannon, Paul Kelly, Eleanor Sheridan.
Front of House:	Ann Coyne, Martin Gallagher, Tara Hynes, Ann Tierney, Leanne Coyne, Debbie Larney, Alice Fleming, Linda Walsh, Mary Concannon, Monica O'Donnell, Zoe McHugh, Sybil Sheridan, Paul Kelly, Eddie Ruane, Jane McGuinn, Helen Sheridan, Saranna Leonard, Eamon Blake.
Sound:	Stable Productions, Tuam
Lighting:	Paul Kelly, Indigo Lighting
Promotional material:	MW Design, Print & Signs Ltd

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We look forward to our next production in 2025 and invite you to come along and get involved!

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