



**Milltown Drama Society**

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# **The Importance of Being Earnest**

*"A Trivial Comedy for Serious People"*

**by Oscar Wilde**



**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

**at 8.00pm in**

**MILLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## Milltown Drama Society re-formed in 2014 with the desire to re-establish Milltown's proud tradition of and association with quality amateur dramatics.

- 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*

## Welcome/ Fáilte:

Who would have thought in March 2020, with only two weeks to go to show-time that it would be a further two years before *The Importance of Being Earnest* would be presented before a live audience? It's a tribute to the cast and director that they have kept faith with the play, were able to revisit their scripts and reignite their enthusiasm to bring *Earnest* to fruition.

As Chairman, I am delighted to welcome you all here on behalf of MDS. This year we're staging our production over three nights as we endeavour to provide a safe environment for all to enjoy the arts amid concerns about the ongoing pandemic. We're so grateful for the phenomenal support of our local community, our patrons, and our sponsors on this journey. I would like to thank the MDS committee who have worked tirelessly alongside the cast, crew and directorial team to bring Oscar Wilde's literary masterpiece to life.

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde is one of Ireland's most gifted writers. He became one of London's most popular playwrights in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and his appeal has stood the test of time with *The Importance of Being Earnest* regarded as "the most perfect comedy in the English Language".

Tonight, you will be transported to Victorian England to follow the lives of two bachelor friends, Algernon Moncrieff and John Worthing, J.P. who lead double lives to court the attentions of the very desirable Gwendolyn Fairfax and Cecily Cardew. The gentlemen must deal with the consequences of their deceptions and face the formidable Lady Bracknell where hilarity ensues.

Finally to you our audience, thank you for being with us tonight and I hope you enjoy the show. It's fantastic to be back!

*Mise le meas, Eamon Blake, MDS Chairman.*

## MDS Committee:

- Chairman:** Eamon Blake
- Treasurer:** Eddie Ruane
- Secretary:** Sinéad Sheridan
- PRO:** Paul Kelly and Louisa McHugh
- Committee:** Bríd McHugh, Helen Sheridan, Anne Concannon, Marion Greene, Saranna Leonard, Lisa Dowd Hynes, Jane McGuinn, Eleanor Sheridan, Paul Singleton, Ray McGrath.

## The Scenes of the Play:

- Act I.** Algernon Moncrieff's Flat in Half-Moon Street, W.
- Act II.** The Garden at the Manor House, Woolton.
- Act III.** Drawing-Room at the Manor House, Woolton.

## Crew:

- Director:** Ray McGrath
- Producer:** Eleanor Sheridan
- Set Construction:** Eugene Finnegan, Paul Singleton
- Set Décor:** Gerry Greene, Louisa McHugh
- Costumes:** Pat McGann  
Theatrical Costumes, Limerick.  
Planet Retro, Galway.
- Make-up:** Emma Rhatigan
- Hair:** Ev's Hair and Beauty
- Lighting Technician:** Ollie Barrett
- Backstage:** Anne Concannon, Rachel Kenny, Claire Fitzsimons, Saranna Leonard, Isaac Kenny.
- Front of House:** Ann Coyne, Jane McGuinn, Ann Tierney, Leanne Coyne, Sarah Higgins, Alice Fleming, Linda Walsh, Bríd McHugh, Anne McHugh, Helen Sheridan, Emer Leonard, Eva Leonard, Cliona Leonard, Méabh Sheridan, Cathal Sheridan, Breda McCann-McHugh.
- Video:** Gerry Greene
- Sound:** Stable Productions, Tuam
- Lighting:** Paul Kelly, Indigo Lighting
- Promotional material:**  
Louisa McHugh and MW Design, Print & Signs Ltd.

## Cast:



Algernon Moncrieff -  
Gary Curran



John "Jack" Worthing, J.P. -  
Frank McHugh



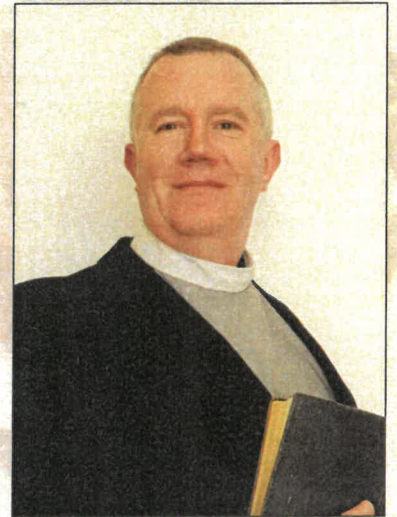
Gwendolen Fairfax -  
Sinéad Sheridan



Cecily Cardew -  
Morgan Payne-Varley



Lady Bracknell -  
Lisa Dowd-Hynes



Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D. -  
Paul Kelly



Miss Prism -  
Marion Greene



Merriman -  
Ollie McHugh



Lane -  
Eddie Ruane

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Galway County Council  
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Sheridan's Bar and Restaurant  
Murphy's Garden Centre  
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