



# Balally Players NEWS

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Balally Players has a busy and exciting schedule of plays planned out for the year. Check out what's in the 'Calendar of Events' in the 'What's On' page of our website [www.balallyplayers.com](http://www.balallyplayers.com) and come and join us - as an actor, as backstage crew or as an audience member.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you during the year,

All the best,

Joanne Keane.

*(Balally Players Secretary)*

## Open Night

The Open Night which took place on **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** in Lamb Doyles was a great success. Many past, present and future members met and mingled and it was a very sociable evening!

## One Act Festival Play

'Home Free' by American playwright Lanford Wilson was the choice of director Geoffrey O'Keefe for the One Act Festival. Currently in rehearsal in Lamb Doyles, Sandyford the play will be adjudicated in several locations around the country in **November**. The finals will be held in The Moate Theatre, Naas the first weekend in December. If you would like to be involved in helping out backstage and travelling with the cast and crew let us know.

## 'The Cripple of Inishmaan'

'The Cripple of Inishmaan' by Martin McDonagh, directed by Karen Carleton will be performed upstairs in Lamb Doyles from **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> to Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov**. Rehearsals are underway in St. Tiernan's Community School, Parkvale, every Mon and Wed evening. Backstage crew will be needed for this show - so don't be backward about coming forward to offer your services!

## 'Top Girls'

Gary Wall is directing 'Top Girls' by Caryl Churchill and rehearsals are going on every Mon and Wed in St. Tiernan's. This play will run in 'The Cuckoo's Nest Theatre' at the end of Jan 06.

## Auditions for 'Christmas at Airfield'

This ever popular show will run once more in Airfield House, Dundrum from **7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** and is to be directed by Mary Ryan, ably assisted by Doris Cullen, Margaret Toomey and Teresa Dempsey. Auditions will take place in October. If you have 'pieces' that might be suitable contact Mary. Let us know if you are available for the show and interested in auditioning. Our thanks to Tony McGettigan for directing the previous 'Christmas at Airfield' shows and doing such a great job!

### **Auditions for the 'Bray Festival' Play**

The Bray Festival takes place at the end of January in The Mermaid Theatre, Bray. Auditions for the play will be held in **October**. Teresa Dempsey will direct the Balally Players entry. Contact us if you are interested in auditioning for the play.

### **Workshops**

The 'Acting Workshop' held by Claire Reilly on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept was enjoyed by all. Check out the website for details of the next workshop (Date to be announced).

### **Sympathies**

Our sympathies are with Pat Hand whose father died at the end of August.

### **Congratulations**

Sean & Susan Murphy have a new baby boy!

### **Productions**

Brendan Dunne was in Spiders Ankles Production of 'Translations', Draíocht Theatre 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Seamus Wheelan performed in 'Spoonfed' in T36, Fringe Festival Tue 20<sup>th</sup> and Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

Claire O'Neill was ASM for 'Liliom' in SS Michael & John, Fringe Festival 27<sup>th</sup> Sep to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

Bernard Doyle will direct 'Move over Mrs Markam' for Glencullen, Pavillion Theatre 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Paul Sharpe will perform in 'Dancing at Lughnasa' with Taney, Taney Hall 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **Drama League of Ireland Convention**

Jean Monaghan and Joanne Keane will represent Balally Players Drama Group at the DLI Convention, which will be held in Hotel Kilkenny on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### **Subscription**

The yearly subscription is now due. The rate is €40 (€70 for couples), €20 for unwaged/students.

### **Dundrum House**

Even if you are not involved in a Balally play at the moment you can still catch up with Balally Players (almost) every Wed night after rehearsal from 10pm in Dundrum House!

### **Calendar of Events**

If you there is something you would like to see happening in the group during the year get in touch with any member of the Committee and we will try to organise it.

### **Committee 05/06**

Chairperson	<b>Ciara O'Byrne</b>		
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