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*Presents*

# The Flying Pig's Ball



***Variety Theatre at its Best***

6th - 7th & 8th April 1995  
at Theatre Royal Waterford

***A Show for the "Top-Less" Years***

Produced by Michael Grant

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# *Flying Pigs Ball*

*Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the first ever "Flying Pigs Ball". This show is all about keeping variety theatre alive and well, without costing a fortune.*

As you know we have no Tops in Waterford this year. I am sure we all find this a great loss, but it looks like Tops is becoming a 2 yearly event under its present structure.

Variety theatre in Waterford has depended on Tops over the last 33 years as a showcase for new talent. It also gave people repeated opportunities to see their favourite characters on stage, hear their favourite songs, or even get a preview to a big London West End Musical when the various groups tackled the big shows.

It is envisaged that any year we have no Tops, we will have the "Flying Pigs Ball". Whether it becomes competitive is not yet decided, if you have any views on this we would be glad to hear them. The most important thing is to return Variety Theatre and Tops to a financially saner level, where more companies and communities can become involved. Stage settings could become universal, the same orchestra would play for all shows - putting the onus on Producers to have their music chosen and dots prepared on time.

Let's talk about some of the characters Tops has given us over the years. Can you remember them as you look up at the stage in the beautiful theatre.

Dermot Graham sitting on the steps singing those "Canaan Days" from Joseph. Denny Corcoran as Groucho Marx, Bula Power and Ann McGrath, *what a couple!* what about Eddie Wymberry, the best stand up comic around. Nicky Cummins as the "Oldest Swinger in Town". Leo Walsh, with the letter from his mammy, Danny Madigan and Michael Farrell - a wonderful ballet troupe. Davy Sutton as Sid Snot with his girlfriend "Deirdre". I have often wondered if folk were asked to recall their favourite sketch, what would it be?

All of the above are alive and well and still going strong. In the first piece of comedy tonight, the part of the Sgt. Major was originally played by Richie Collins (RIP) another great troubadour of the theatrical world, who sadly left us in May 1987. I suppose if I were to start naming songs I could go on all night, everyone will have their own particular favourites, hopefully some of those you will hear tonight.

So what do I say about tonight's show, we've begged and borrowed everything possible. You will not see thousands of pounds worth of set or costume, but what you will see will be very presentable, sung extremely well and dressed suitably. Lighting will be of the highest standard and the talent you can judge for yourself. You wont be disappointed.

***Michael Grant.***

# CAST LIST

## ***Male***

Raymond Collins  
David Flynn  
Brian Collins  
Michael Quinlan  
Jamie Murphy  
Dee Lanigan  
Mark White  
David Hennessy  
Terry Grant  
Anton Galvin

## ***Female***

Tammy Power  
Karen Fletcher  
Ann Corcoran  
Lucy White  
Hazel Tebay  
Aoife Cashin  
Brenda Corcoran  
Susan Murphy  
Annette Sutton

## ***Comedy Team***

David Sutton, Leo Walsh, Conor Halpin, Terry Grant,  
Sean Egan, Martin Grant, Michael Quinlan,  
Brenda Corcoran, Brian Power.

## ***Guest***

Pat McEvoy

## ***Dancers***

Lynn Tynan, Nicola Barry

Bangkok and Blues Bros was Cheorographed by **Michelle Condon**

# The Flying Pigs Ball

*Produced By* ..... "The Why Not Co."  
*Directed By* ..... Michael Grant  
*Production Assistant* ..... Terry Grant  
*Musical Director* ..... Wayne Browne  
*Lighting* ..... Aiden McGrath  
*Costumes* ..... Nellie Cullen and Peg Tebay  
*Stage Crew* ..... Tom O'Driscoll. Alex McAllister  
*Rehearhal Facilities* ..... Mr. Eamonn O'Mahony  
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## ORCHESTRA

1. *Wayne Brown - Keyboard*
2. *Mark Scanlon - Keyboard 2*
3. *David Quinlan - Trumpet / Flugal Horn*
4. *Neil Brophy - Trumpet 2*
5. *Donnacha O'Mara - Trombone*
6. *Pamela Flynn - Bass Synth.*
7. *George O'Grady - Drums*

## PIT SINGERS

*Liza Flynn, Siobhan Burke, Eleanor Flynn,  
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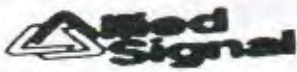
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## Programme Act 1

1. **SHOWBUSINESS** (*Clover '84*) - An Introduction with Davy Sutton & Co.
2. **IS YOU IS OR AINT MY BABY** (*Rayban '93*) - with Jamie Murphy, Lucy White, Terry Grant and Annette Sutton.
3. **MILITARY FAIRY** (*Crystal '85*) - with Sg. Major Sutton.
4. **BANGKOK** (*Crystal '85*) - with Jamie Murphy.
5. **I KNOW HIM SO WELL** (*Crystal '85*) - Tammy Power and Susan Murphy.
6. **OFFICER KRUPKE** (*Crystal '85*) - with D. Flynn, A. Galvin, B. Collins, R. Collins, M. White, J. Murphy & M. Quinlan.
7. **DO WA DIDDY** (*Crystal '86*) - Jamie Murphy & Company.
8. **QUIZ TIME** (*Crystal '86*) - Davy Sutton and Terry Grant.
9. **LEANING ON A LAMP POST** (*Crystal '86*) - David Flynn.
10. **ONLY HE** (*Crystal '86*) - Hazel Tebay.
11. **LAMBETH WALK** (*Crystal '86*) - David & Hazel & Company.
12. **BEE KEEPING** (*Clover '84*) - David Sutton and Terry Grant with a guest appearance by Noel O'Neill.
13. **FOEMAN** - with D. Lanigan & Company.
14. **SIT DOWN YOU'RE ROCKING THE BOAT** - Featuring Pat McEvoy with the entire Company.



## Programme Act 2

1. **SKID ROW** (W. Crystal '93) - Featuring J. Murphy, H. Tebay, B. Corcoran, S. Murphy, and L. White with full company.
2. **DANIEL O'DONNELL** at Breakfast - Davy Sutton, Leo Walsh, Brian Power. (Nokia '89)
3. **HEAT IS ON IN SAIGON** (Nokia '90)  
**SUN AND MOON** - David Flynn & Tammy Power  
**BUL DOI** - Raymond Collins & company.
4. **CENTRAL PARK DREAMLAND** - Conor Halpin and Michael Quinlan. (Nokia '90)
5. **BLUES BROS.** - with Terry Grant. (Rayban '92)
6. **TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE** - Susan Murphy, Raymond Collins & Company. (Rayban '93)
7. **THE LOONIES ON SAFARI** - with Sean Egan, Martin Grant, Davy Sutton, Terry Grant, Michael Quinlan. (Crystal '85)
8. **AT THE END OF THE DAY** - Company. (Crystal '87)  
**LOOK DOWN** - featuring David Hennessy. (Crystal '87)  
**I DREAMED A DREAM** - Tammy Power. (Crystal '87)  
**ONE DAY MORE** - featuring Raymond Collins, David Flynn, Tommy Power, Lucy White, Jamie Murphy, Brenda Corcoran, and Anton Galvin & Entire Company. (Crystal '87)

## LEAD VOCALISTS - MALE

### RAYMOND COLLINS

At this stage Raymond is growing in stature as an accomplished performer and singer. A son of the late Richie Collins.

### DAVID FLYNN

Last seen on a magic carpet in the Gaeity with Waterford Crystal - another up-and-coming singer performer. A brother (younger) of Brian Flynn.

### JAMIE MURPHY

Lead vocalist with Soul Reason. His second venture on the boards. Jamie was in Brigadoon recently and plays a prominent role in tonight's show.

### TERRY GRANT

Played a feature role in all the shows you will see tonight. Some songs (sung by others tonight) will really bring the memories back. Terry will also be featured in the comedy with D. Sutton.

## COMEDY

### DAVID SUTTON

At this he's nearly done it all and has managed to maintain that vital element needed to be a funny man. Wit and energy he's not short of.

### LEO WALSH

All I can say is welcome back Leo, you never lost it!

### CONOR HALPIN

Conor has maintained his connection with the entertainment world, he runs "Blossoms" theatre school throughout the city. And we welcome the Master back on stage tonight.

### SEAN EGAN & MARTIN GRANT

Both these boys are prime examples of Darwin's theory - watch them in the "Loonies"

## **(COMEDY CONTINUED)**

**MICHAEL QUINLAN**  
(better known as Q)

The son of Carl and Ann Quinlan.  
I think they are in for a shock tonight  
- he's everywhere !

**BRIAN POWER**

Brian is another of Waterford's funny  
men. It's great to have him back as  
Daniel O'Donnell's brother, he's the  
spit of him.

### **FEMALE VOCALISTS**

**TAMMY POWER**

Tammy's voice is improving every  
time she sings. Her quality is rich and  
strong. Tammy is a younger sister of  
Gary Power.

**LUCY WHITE**

The Why Not Co. welcomes Lucy to  
the "Flying Pigs Ball" - our first time  
working together, Lucy is a gem.

**SUSAN MURPHY**

First heard Susan sing the beginning  
to Skid Row in the Tramore Show 2  
years ago. Delighted to have a singer  
of this quality on board.

**BRENDA GILES**  
(NEE CORCORAN)

Denny's daughter, need I say more.

**ANNETTE SUTTON**

Annette is another performer who  
has played many roles in some of the  
pieces you will see tonight. She is  
still the wife of David.

**HAZEL TEBAY**

Hazel is also a welcome addition to  
tonight's show. Like good wine she  
gets better as time goes by.

**GUEST: PAT McEVOY**

**We welcome Pat, fresh from his  
superb performance in Brigadoon.**

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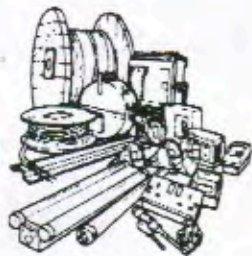
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Yes she said, I should have guessed  
It's cold outside, and they are giving snow  
Is it Clover or Crystal, on us she pressed  
Whoever it is, wont you do your best

January, February, March, oh what a sight  
The show's just ready, now how's the set  
Will you have it right, on opening night ?  
When she asks that, its a gambler's bet  
For there's a question I cannot answer yet.

In the early years we lost a lot  
Take it on the chin boys, and don't give up  
Like it or not, that's the advice we got  
The Enthusiastic Award wasn't even a Cup  
Lights! Set ! said she as she poured us a sup

Well we improved as the years rolled by  
on the Final Night, when the verdict came  
"I won't be there, say she, and I'll tell you why  
Oh my heart can't take it, to my eternal shame  
For was'ne it I that always told you it's onlly a game

They say it comes like a thief in the night  
The stroke that hit her was a terrible fright  
And in this life we all need a pal  
Ours is our mother Bidy Gal  
And if you see her here tonight say hello  
And tell her that we love her so.

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