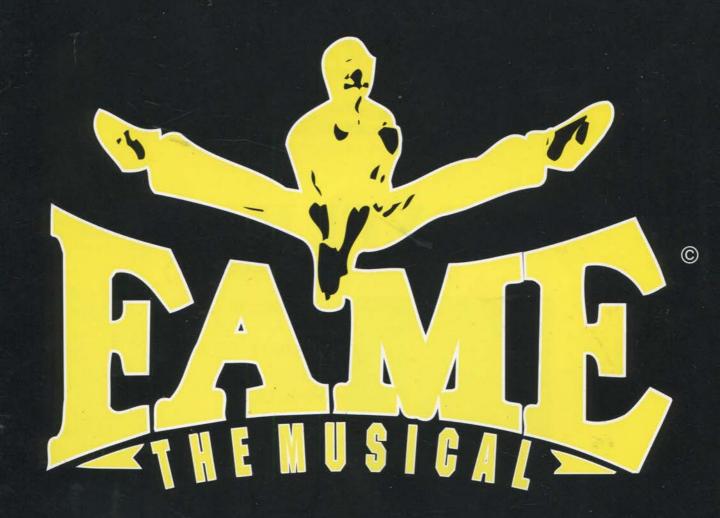
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# Chairperson's Address

Dear Theatregoers,

On behalf of "The Really Youthful Theatre Group" I welcome you to tonight's performance of Fame. I would like to express our warmest gratitude and extend a special welcome to our corporate sponsor, Dyflin Publications Limited.

Thanks also to our nightly sponsors and programme advertisers, who, with their continued support, make all of this possible. We welcome our honorary patron, Mr. Paddy Green, and thank him for his advice and support.

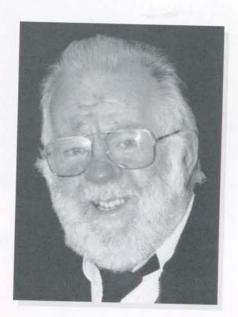
May I congratulate Ray, David and Wayne for their hard work and commitment on Fame, our second production.

I thank our superb stage crew for all their hard work and effort. To my fellow committee members, a big "Thank You" for your unending hard work and dedication. I compliment our superbly talented young cast, the future of theatre in Waterford is in safe hands, as you will see tonight.

Thanks to Kieran, Sean and the staff of The Forum for their help.

And finally, I thank you, the public, for your ongoing support and hope you thoroughly enjoy this year's production of Fame.

Archie Collins Chairperson



# Paddy Greene - Honorary Patron

Paddy is no stranger to Waterford audiences. Once owner of the Anchor Bar, Dunmore East, where he housed and sang with such great entertainers as the Fureys and Lonis Stewart. Paddy has performed on stage, playing a wide range of characters with De La Salle Musical Society, Edmund Rice Musical Society, Stagefright and Red Kettle Theatre Company.

Paddy is delighted and honoured to be associated with the Really Youthful Theatre Group, on this year's production of Fame.



#### RAY COLLINS - Director

Ray has been involved with all local societies over the past 12 years. Recently directed "Beauty & The Beast" for Portlaw Pantomime Society and has co-directed "Oliver" and "Little Shop of Horrors." Has been appearing for Red Kettle in Liam Meagher's production of "The Explorers." Also recording the demo track of a new Musical with David Hayes in Dublin. Ray would like to thank everyone involved in bringing "Fame" to the stage, and wishes cast & crew all the best for the week.

Hopes the public of Waterford will support "Kruger the Musical" written by Ray and Mick Q which is due to be staged in Autumn 2002. "Oh Voy Do Dishcont."

#### DAVID HENNESSY - Choreographer

David has been involved in the Theatre scene from an early age and involved with almost every musical society in waterford. He has previously directed "The Wizard of Oz," "Snow Queen," "Once Upon A Time," "Little Shop of Horrors" with Ray Collins, "Grease" and most recently "Oliver" with De La Salle College. He has choreographed "Me and My Girl," "My Fair Lady," "Joseph." "Oliver" and "Grease" to name but a few. He would like to thank the committee again for their outstanding work. He would especially like to thank the cast for their commitment and dedication to this production. David would like to dedicate this show to his cousin Michael McDonald who is the groups biggest fan. "The sheer force and impact of this bigh energy show will drive you the audience anto an ecstatic frenzy."



#### BRIAN COLLINS – Stage Manager

Brian is delighted to be involved with the Really Youthful Company having worked on last year's "Little Shop." Brian has worked with most Waterford Theatre Companies both on-stage and as stage manager. Roles include Danny in "Grease" with Stagefright, Sinbad in ""Sinbad the Sailor" with Waterford Pantomime Society, Freddie in "George M" with D.L.S., Jimmy in "The Last Apachee Reunion" W.D.S., The

Guvnor in "The Best Little Whorehouse" with Premier Productions.

Behind the scenes shows include "Pentimenti", world premier "Chess" with Stagefright, "Grease," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Oliver," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Assassins." He hopes you enjoy the show and would like to thank the cast and crew for all the hard work they put in and last but not least the brilliant committee.



#### WAYNE BROWN – Musical Director

Wayne is delighted to be back working on "Fame" the musical since ten years ago he was musical director for the same show on it's Irish Premier. In these ten years he has done shows as diverse as "Oliver;" "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," "Showboat," "Godspell," "Little Shop of Horrors" and many more.

As well as musicals he is M.D. for the Waterford Panto society and looks forward to their run every year in December. The day after "Fame" finishes he travels to New Ross with Premier Productions for the 'AIMS' choral festival where Premier will try to win their 5th national title in 6 years in the Musical Cameo section of the competition. He would like to pay tribute to Ray, David and of course to a very enthusiastic cast, and thank them all for their 'Hard Work' over the last few weeks. He is also looking forward to working again with the all time great Stage Managing legend himself - Brian 'The Govenor' Collins and wishes him luck with his entry in the eurovision song contest.

#### JOE MEAGHER - Mr. Myers

Joe has been involved in Waterford Theatre since 1994, when he was a founder member of 'Blind Mirror' theatre company for whom he directed several shows including 'Yerma', by Lorca and 'can't pay, won't pay' by Dario Fo. Joe has twice been nominated for the best actor award at the Irish Student Drama Awards, as well winning the award for Best Director in 1998 for 'Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are dead' by Tom Stoppard. Joe has played 'Nerves' in 'The Pilferers' by Pat Daly and 'Tactos' in 'All in the Head' by Liam Meagher for Red Kettle. Recently he has appeared in two Corca Dorca Productions, playing 'Scooter' in 'Banshee Makers' by Ger Rourke and 'Snug' in Shakesperae's 'A Midsummer's Night's Dream'.



# DEBORAH CUNNINGHAM – Miss Sherman

Deborah is no stranger to the stage, she has played numerous roles with Waterford Musical Society and Waterford Dramatic Society. She most recently played the part of 'Miss Mona' with Premier's production of 'The Best Little Whore House in Texas' and is delighted to be involved with a great Cast, Crew and Committee of 'Fame'.



# VICKI GRAHAM – Miss Bell

Vicki has appeared on stage with most of her local Musical Companies over the years. Her 1st role was as Tuptim in 'The King & I' for her school show. She then went on to play Eliza Doolittle in 'My Fair Lady' & Sarah Brown in 'Calamity Jane'. She appeared also in 'George M' & 'The Music Man' with De La Salle. She played the lead role of

Sandy in 'Grease' & Svetlana in 'Chess' with Stagefright.

#### GREG PORTER - Mr. Sheinkopf

Greg is a 6th year student in De La Salle College and is 18 years old. Previous shows include: 'How to succeed in Business', 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Oliver' and 'Requium'. Greg is in The De La Salle College Choir and is a member of TheNational Youth Theatre & National Youth Choir.



#### ALAN WHELAN – Nick Piazza

Alan is 19 years old and enjoys shows very much and likes getting involved even if it's only helping out backstage. Alan has been in a wide variety of shows where he played parts such as (Aladdin) Disney Magic, (Roger) Grease 98, (Zebulen) Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, (Teen Angel) Grease 02 and has been in and enjoyed

many a panto. In the future Alan would like to get his voice trained and do as many shows as he can.

# AVRIL MUSGRAVE & ELAINE TIGHE – Costumes

Avril & Elaine have worked for many years in Waterford Theatre, and are delighted to be back working with the Really Youthful Theatre Group, their first show "Little Shop of Horrors" was a fabulous success. Our compliments to the committee for their hard work, their combined experience both on stage and back stage is of tremendous benefit to our up and coming talent.

We wish them continued success with this exciting production of "Fame."

#### Cast

Tyrone Jackson	David Whelan
Carmen Diaz	Kelly Power
Miss Sherman	Deborah Cunningham
Mr. Myers	Joe Meagher
Miss Bell	Vicki Graham
Mr. Sheinkopf	Greg Porter
Nick Piazza	Alan Whelan
Serena Capz	Kate Haley
Mabel Washington	Leesa Walsh
Joe Vegas	Shane Jordan
Schlomo Metzenbaum	Daniel O'Dwyer
Iris Kelly	Claire Hanrahan
Grace Lamb	Eadaoin Walsh
Goodman King	Niall Kelly



#### **MUSI**

## Chorus

#### Girls

Ciara McCarthy
Rachel O'Brien
Kathleen McGrath
Caroline Stone
Finola Power
Aoife Hearne
Kate Collins
Orla Murray
Sharon Daly
Caz Butler-Kelly

#### **Boys**

Damien Kavanagh Conor O'Shea Raymond Whelan Mark Rellis Kieran Nynan Jason Shore

#### **ACT ONE**

Hard WorkThe Con
I Want to Make Magic
Spring Sonata FantasyOrd
Can't Keep it Down
Romeo & Juliet BalletOrd
There She Goes/Fame
Let's Play a Love Scene
Bring on TomorrowSchlomo & Co
Teacher's ArgumentMs. Bell/Ms. She
Hard Work (reprise)The Stu

Best Wishes to Finbar Coveney for a speedy recovery! Unfortunately, Finbarr's illness has prevented him from appearing in tonight's production.



#### SYNOPSIS

#### **ACT TWO**

I	Want to Make Magic (reprise) .	Nick & Students
N	label Prayer	Mabel & girls
T	hink of Meryl Streep	Serena
D	Dancin' on the Sidewalk	Tyrone & Students
T	hese are my Children	Ms. Sheinkopf
1 P	as De Deux	Orchestra
l In	n L.A	Carmen
L	et's Play a Love Scene (reprise)	Nick & Serena
В	bring on Tomorrow (reprise)	The Company

#### Orchestra

Keyboard 1 / Conductor	Wayne Brown
Keyboard II	Pamela Flynn
Guitar	Paul o'Brien
Bass Guitar	Keith McDonald
Trumpet	Mark Fitzgerald
Clarinet / Sax	Steven Mackey
Drums	Richie Hayes

## **Production Credits**

Direct of Lease December of Collins
Directed byRaymond Collins
ChoreographerDavid Hennessey
Dance CaptainCaroline Stone
Musical DirectorWayne Brown
Set Design Bryan Flynn
Set ConstructionJim Meagher,
Damian Kelly, Brian Collins,
Dave Quinlan
Set Artwork & Painting Bryan Flynn,
Brian Collins
SoundStar Systems
Production ManagerDamian Kelly
LightingRichie O'Neill
CostumesAvril Musgrave, Elaine Tighe
MakeupMelanie O'Driscoll
Props DepartmentImelda Kerwin,
Nicola Nolan
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Margaret Upton, Ashling Kelly,

#### Stage Manager

**Brian Collins** 

#### **Assistant Stage Manager**

Kevin Hennessey

#### **Stage Crew**

Laura Forsey
Dave "The Hook" Quinlan
Eileen Power
David "The Budgie" Flynn
Damian Kelly
Aisling Power
Nicholas Donnelly
Shane Quinn
Daveen Hennessey
David Murray
Ian McCarthy
Conor Dempsey
Mark Flynn
Anna Jacob



#### DAVID WHELAN – Tyrone Jackson

David has been involved in shows from a young age. 'Fame' is David's 3rd show this year. He played 'Kenickie' in 'Grease' and a fiddler in 'Ole King Cole Panto'. David has enjoyed playing 'Tyrone Jackson'. His hobbies are taking part in as many shows as he can.



#### KELLY POWER – Carmen Diaz

Kelly is a 16 year old student at St. Angela's school Waterford. Kelly's First appearance on stage was at the age of nine in Garter Lane, with Blossoms Theatre Group. Since then she has been involved in the National Children's Choir and is in the senior choir in school. She has recently been involved in the De La Salle Production

of Oliver, in which she played the part of 'Old Sally' and the Rose seller in the song 'Who will Buy.'



#### NIALL KELLY – Goodman King (Goody)

Niall is a 5th year student in the De La Salle. he Has had a huge interest in singing since a young age. He has been a member of the School Choir since first year. His first appearance on stage came when he played 'Issachar' in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. He appeared in last year's Really Youthful Theatre Group's

production of "Little Shop of Horrors", playing the part of 'Skip Snip'. He loved the experience and can't wait to repeat the success.



#### CLAIRE HANRAHAN – Iris Kelly

Claire is a fourth year student in St, Angela's Secondary School in Waterford, She was a member of Waterford Youth Drama for two years. One of her most recent performances includes the part of 'Beth' in The De La Salle College's production of 'Oliver' in March.



#### KATE HALEY – Serena Capz

Kate is currently a 3rd year student is the Mercy Secondary School. She has been singing since a very young age. For the last three years she has been getting her voice professionally train in WIT by Vanessa Sadlier. Recently, in April 2002, she came first place in the Fintan O'Carroll feis Voice Under 16. This is the first she has taken part in

and she hopes to be in many more. She hopes to pursue a career is singing.



#### LEESA WALSH - Mabel

Lisa has been an active member of Waterford Youth Drama for the past years. She has taken part in several Waterford Youth Drama productions Most recently she has played the par 'Mrs Bumble' in The De La Salle College's production of 'Oliver' this year.



#### SHANE JORDAN – José (Joe) Vegas

Shane is a 5th year student at the C.I Tramore aged 17. Shane has been involved in shows from a young age. has taken part in such shows as 'Grease'. he played the part of roger in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' he played part of 'Joseph'. In his spare time he likes to Act and take it easy.



# EADAOIN WALSH – Grace Lamb

Eadaoin has had a keen interest in music since a young age. She's been playing piano since the age of 6 and recently won 1st place in the Under 17's Piano Competition of the Fintan O'Carroll feis. Eadaoin also plays the Flute, Guitar and Double Bass. This ye she is playing the Bass in the Nationa Youth Orchestra U-18's. Eadaoin was

member of the chorus in De La Salle's 2001 production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' and the Really Youthfu Theatre Group's "Little Shop of Horrors' production.



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