

Second Honeymoon

A COMEDY BY Sam Cree



Lambeg|players

50th Anniversary



a message from our chairman



Jackie Brown
CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the Lambeg Players' production of Sam Cree's evergreen comedy, *Second Honeymoon*.

This year we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary and for the first time in many years, we are taking the show on tour, playing in Lambeg, Portadown, Ballyearl and ending with a week in the summer theatre in Portrush which will be re-opening in its traditional venue of the Town Hall which has been newly refurbished.

So sit back relax and enjoy the show, and maybe we will see you again at one of the other venues!

Lambeg Players go on tour

LAMBEG

Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church Hall 17th – 19th May

PORTADOWN

Town Hall 26th – 27th May

BALLYEARL

Courtyard Theatre, Arts Centre 11th – 12th August

PORTRUSH

Summer Theatre, Town Hall 23rd – 26th August



at the rehearsals





synopsis of the plot

Set in a Bangor Guest House in the 1960's, this hilarious comedy follows a week in the life of Frank Mcllroy and his wife Agnes who have chosen to revisit the Guest House where they had spent their honeymoon 25 years earlier.

Mrs Liggett, the rather stern landlady and her bubbly maid Vera attempt to keep an orderly house amongst the mayhem that follows. Long-term resident Mrs Harkness takes delight in telling everyone who'll listen about all her ailments. Holiday guests Mrs Mansfield and her henpecked husband, Walter add to the comedy and newlyweds Stephen and Sally Mitchell have a heated argument over a 'Bathing Beauty' competition.

Another guest, hairdresser Victor Bruce succeeds in infuriating Stephen by encouraging Sally to enter the contest and smooth talking Malcolm Adair manages to completely ruin Frank's holiday with his comic antics and practical jokes.

After a win on the horses, Frank takes Walter out for a few drinks. When they return to the Guest House, rather the worse for wear, Vera is entertaining her latest boyfriend Henry Jefferson, a US sailor whose ship has recently docked in Bangor.

With laughter right from the opening line, 'Second Honeymoon' is certainly a comedy classic.

ACT ONE

The sitting room at Ardalee Guest House in Bangor County Down.

SCENE 1 - A Saturday evening in July

SCENE 2 - Early Tuesday Evening

SCENE 3 - As above

INTERVAL

ACT TWO

SCENE 1 - Early Friday afternoon

SCENE 2 - Late Friday evening

SCENE 3 - Mid-day Saturday

the cast & crew

Producer Colin Boyd
Mrs Liggett Karen Webb
Vera Elizabeth Boyd
Agnes Mcllroy Paula Brown
Frank Mcllroy Colin Boyd
Mrs Harkness Renee Mitchell
Walter Mansfield Winston Kerr
Mrs Mansfield Jacqueline Clarke
Stephen Mitchell Jon Paul Bruce
Sally Mitchell Fiona Dickson
Victor Bruce Moore Brown
Malcolm Adair Paul Bennington
Henry Jefferson Jonathan Moore

Props Jonathan Moore
Prompt Kathryn Torbet
Sound and lighting Dermott McCurdy, Catherine Bennington
Set design and build Alastair Dickson, Phil Grimes, Mark McLarnon, Colin Agar, John Clarke
Business/front of house manager Henry Brown
Programme Ian Bennington
PR Neil Lynas

Backstage and front of house team .. Jackie Brown, Sandra Brown
Therese Boomer, Lindsay Freeman
Sarah Trimble, Roberta Bennington
Angela McCurdy, Ivan Mitchell
Joan Brown



biographies



Elizabeth Boyd - Vera

Elizabeth is enjoying her first appearance with The Lambeg Players. She has been building up to the role of Vera with over 20 years of performing with Belfast Operatic Company, taking lead roles such as Mabel in 'The Pirates of Penzance', Laurey in 'Oklahoma', Katie Brown in 'Calamity Jane' and the title roles in 'The Merry Widow' and 'Kiss Me Kate', mostly in the Grand Opera House in Belfast. It was during the run of Kiss Me Kate that she fell under the spell of that fine thespian, Colin Boyd, and has allowed him to direct her in this play, while of course maintaining control of the relationship at home!! (He allowed her to say that!). As well as her involvement with musical theatre, Elizabeth sings regularly with the Percy French Concert Party and is in demand as soloist with many of the province's choral societies, with performances taking her all over Ireland. She has broadcast on both BBC and Downtown Radio and appeared on Ulster Television with James Ellis.



Karen Webb - Mrs Liggett

Karen has taken major roles in the last two Pantomimes and was a memorable Lily in our last play, Sam Cree's 'Strictly for the Birds'.

She is the co-owner of a puppet company Kaz & Co. which has toured throughout Ireland performing in schools and youth organisations. Karen runs a creative arts group for children which last year performed a musical in Lagan Island Theatre Lisburn.



Paula Brown - Agnes McIlroy

Paula has taken leading roles with the Lambeg Players in both Pantomimes and plays in recent years. Notable parts have included Mrs J in 'The Mating Season' and Freda Ferguson in 'Stop it Nurse'. Her professional skills as a stenographer with UTV and the Court Service have helped her with wordy lines. Paula is another member of the cast whose early performances were in Gang Show. She is actively involved in youth work with the Salvation Army.



Renee Mitchell - Mrs Harkness

This is Renee's first outing with Lambeg after a 30 year association with Dunmurry Dramatic Society (which disbanded in 2002) where she played a host of roles in Sam Cree comedies and old Irish plays such as the celebrated 'Auction in Killybuck' with which Dunmurry sold out a week in the Opera House.

Renee played in Second Honeymoon in 1974 when she took on the role of Vera.



Colin Boyd - Frank McIlroy

Colin has been with Lambeg Players for over 30 years (he started when he was 6!), playing many lead roles in both pantomimes and plays. His early theatrical performances were on the stage of the Grand Opera House in the Belfast Scout Gang Shows of the 70's and 80's. He recently returned there in guest appearances with Belfast Operatic Company in 'Kiss Me Kate', 'Annie Get Your Gun,' and 'Titanic.' He has also made guest appearances with Dunmurry Dramatic Society and played 'Wild Bill Hickock' in Lisnagarvey Operatic Society's 2003 production of 'Calamity Jane.' For Lambeg, Colin's stage credits include Councillor Albert Parker in J B Priestley's 'When We Are Married,' Benjamin Tapeworth in 'Strike Happy' by Duncan Greenwood and Aubrey Allington in 'Tons of Money' by Will Evans and Arthur Valentine. This year Colin is looking forward to reviving the part of Frank McIlroy in 'Second Honeymoon,' which he believes to be one of Sam Cree's funniest.



Winston Kerr - Walter Mansfield

Winston has performed in 4 pantomimes with Lambeg, playing the evil Jester Sneere in 'Wee Willie Winkie', the Sheriff of Nottingham in 'Babes in the Wood', Man Friday in 'Robinson Crusoe' and the Baron in 'Cinderella'.

He played the part of Mervyn in 'The Mating Season'. Winston has gained much of his acting experience with Salvation Army groups.

He played football at Irish League side Distillery and is known in Lambeg Players as the 'greatest, fastest line learner ever'.



Jacqueline Clarke - Mrs Mansfield

Jacqueline is Paula's twin sister and like Paula, has been involved for many years in musical and dramatic activities with the Salvation Army as part of 'The Communicators' and before that in Gang Show.

She was the Fairy Godmother in Lambeg's last Panto 'Cinderella' and played Jack in the Ulster Community and Hospital Trust's recent Panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Jon Paul Bruce - Stephen Mitchell

This is Jon Paul's first performance with the Lambeg Players.

He last appeared on stage ten years ago playing roles in Oklahoma, The Boyfriend, Irene, Godspell and Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Wallace High School).

After leaving school he also played in The Crucible and Grease (University of Teeside Drama Group) and Le Voyageur Sans Bagages (Group du Théâtre de St. Etienne, France).



Fiona Dickson - Sally Mitchell

Fiona has been with the Players for over 20 years. Previously a regular in Pantos and Plays, she took a break to nurture her three children through the early years. Recently, Fiona has played cameo roles as Dolores in 'Stop it Nurse' and Babs in 'The Mating Season'. However, she reached the pinnacle of her Am Dram career when she was promoted to Costume Assistant for Panto 2006 'Cinderella'.

The whole Dickson family are involved in Lambeg Players with Fiona's husband Alastair heading up the backstage team, whilst Emma, Alexandra and Eve have been busy selling programmes.

Fiona has plenty of acting experience as she is a civil servant by day.



Moore Brown - Victor Bruce

Another Gang Show veteran, Moore has featured in Lambeg Pantos and plays for more years than any of us care to remember. His numerous roles have ranged from Dame to benevolent Baron, to King Neptune and of course a heavily made up Ugly Sister in our recent Panto Cinderella.

In addition to being our long standing company treasurer, he has also had many parts in plays with highly acclaimed performances as Harold, he of the weak bladder in 'Stop it Nurse', Uncle Fred in 'The Mating Season' and Albert McCartney in 'Strictly for the Birds'.



Paul Bennington - Malcolm Adair

This is Paul's 31st year with the Lambeg Players during which time he has played a whole variety of roles in plays and pantomimes. Paul has also been co-producer of the Pantomimes since 1988.

In recent years, leading roles have included Alderman Helliwell in 'When we are Married', Sidney Gillespie in 'The Mating Season' and Herbie Glover in last year's 'Strictly for the Birds'.

In keeping with the 'families' tradition in the Players, Paul's wife Roberta and children Amy, Peter and Andrew were all involved in the recent Pantomime Cinderella.



Jonathan Moore - Henry Jefferson

Jonathan is a veteran Lambeg Player, renowned for sourcing all the exotic props. He has also taken various roles in pantomimes and plays including, Lord Twit in 'Wee Willie Winkie', Robin in 'The Mating Season', Billy Nicholson in 'Strictly for the Birds' and the King in 'Cinderella'.

A chartered surveyor by profession, he remains Lambeg Players' most eligible bachelor. (Applications on postcards please).



Pantomime '07

Lambeg Players will of course be again presenting another spectacular pantomime in Harmony Hill Lambeg and the Island Hall Theatre in Lisburn in January 2007.

Watch out for details.

...DON'T MISS IT!