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**Director' Note**

I am delighted to have this opportunity to bring Mary Chase's Pulitzer prize winning play Harvey to the Mill Theatre.

The story of Elwood P. Dowd and his invisible friend called Harvey – a six foot one and a half inch tall rabbit - explores the enriching power of a creative inner life. Set across one extraordinary day, the characters in Harvey are challenged to accept and understand a man who has stepped outside the boundaries of convention, choosing instead to embrace the unexpected. This classic comedy invites us to contemplate the importance of accepting those in our society who are different, and to appreciate the joy and value they can so often bring to our world. I am fortunate to have a cast of talented actors, and a committed production team, who have joined me in bringing this greatly loved play to the stage once more.

Rathfarnham Theatre Group hope you will enjoy our production.

Anne O'Connell

**Next Mill Production**

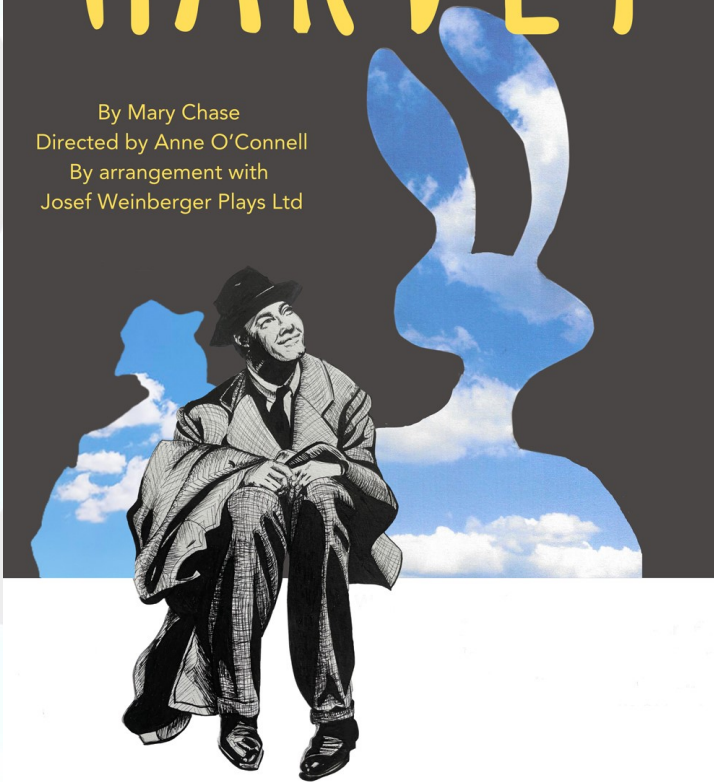
RTG at dlr Mill Theatre

Our next production will take place from  
26th to 30th March 2024.

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# HARVEY

By Mary Chase  
Directed by Anne O'Connell  
By arrangement with  
Josef Weinberger Plays Ltd



**Wed 15th to Sat 18th Nov 2023**

**dlr Mill Theatre Dundrum**

[www.milltheatre.ie](http://www.milltheatre.ie)



**Cast in order of Appearance**  
**Myrtle Mae Simmons**



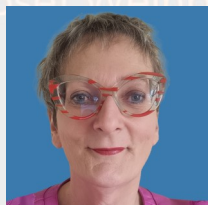
**Veta Louise Simmons**



**Elwood P. Dowd**



**Mrs Ethel Chauvenet**



**Miss Ruth Kelly**



**Emer Keogh**

Emer has recently joined Rathfarnham Theatre Group. She has extensive experience at Feiseanna and has completed her Grade 8 Royal Academy exams. Emer is playing Myrtle Mae, Veta Louise's darling daughter, who resolves that nothing will stand in the way of her plans.

**Helen O'Brien**

Helen has played many roles in RTG productions including Juno in Juno and the Paycock, Karen in Plaza Suite, Greta in The Dead and Mrs Eryllyn in Lady Windermere's Fan. Helen also acts as PRO. As Veta Louise she is having a hard time with the antics of her brother Elwood.

**Columb Casey**

Columb, a member of RTG for 30 years has appeared in many RTG productions, including Big Maggie, The Weir, Plaza Suite and The Salvage Shop. In March, he played Bobbybobby in The Cripple of Inishmaan. As Elwood, he is a likeable character who is never short of a friend!!!

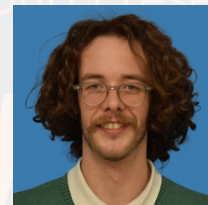
**Helen Cullen**

Helen has been treading the boards since her debut performance as a shepherd in her school Nativity play, resplendent in tea towel and candlewick bedspread. She is delighted to be playing the wonderful Mrs. Chauvenet who, thankfully, wouldn't be seen dead in a tea towel and bedspread!

**Deirdre Shanahan**

Deirdre joined Rathfarnham Theatre Group in 2019 making her RTG acting debut in The Dead. She played Denise in The Approach and played Slippery Helen, who loved breaking an egg or twenty, in The Cripple of Inishmaan. She is now channelling her caring skills as Nurse Kelly in Harvey.

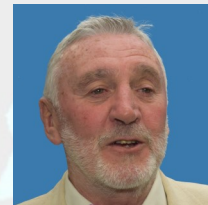
**Marvin Wilson**



**Lyman Sanderson MD**



**William R Chumley MD**



**Judge Omar Gaffney**



**Betty Chumley**



**Luke Pendlebury**

Luke joined RTG in 2023, having previously taken part in Feiseanna and completed Grade 7 Royal Academy exams. Luke has performed in musicals and is a trained ceramicist. They are playing Wilson, the tough talking hospital attendant who is devoted to his boss, Dr William P Chumley.

**Oisín Lyons**

Oisín joined RTG in 2022 and has been busy since. He was in Lady Windermere's Fan, worked back stage on The Cripple of Inishmaan and is now Dr Sanderson, second in command to Dr Chumley. He is a man who believes he has a thorough knowledge of the human condition!

**Eamonn Cullen**

With over 30 years acting in RTG, Eamonn has played some wonderful roles including Captain Boyle in Juno and the Paycock, Willie Loman in Death of a Salesman and Johnnypateenmike in The Cripple of Inishmaan. As Dr William R Chumley he brings all his psychological skills to the fore!!

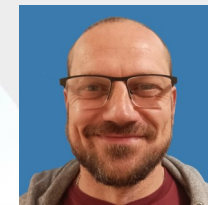
**Brian O'Connor**

Brian has been with RTG for over 20 years, acting, directing and designing sets. Recently he was Mr Cecil Graham in Lady Windermere's Fan and Dr McSharry in The Cripple of Inishmaan. He is now the fussy Judge Omar Gaffney, a friend and legal adviser to the Simmons/Dowd family.

**Carmel Cullen**

Carmel joined RTG over 30 years ago. She has acted in and directed a wide range of productions. In March this year she directed The Cripple of Inishmaan and also played 90 year-old Mammy O'Dougal. In Harvey, she plays Betty, the good-natured wife of the pompous Dr Chumley.

**EJ Lofgren**



**Anne O'Connell**



Inishmaan in March 2023 and is now directing Harvey. By all accounts, Anne is enjoying this play as much as her actors and seems to have a special liking for Harvey.

**Tom Elson**

Tom joined RTG in 2022 playing Parker, the Butler, in Lady Windermere's Fan. He then performed in an RTG production in the Pearse Museum. Tom now plays a cabbie, who from his long experience of driving people to and from Chumley's Rest, has wisdom to bestow to those who listen.

**Director**

Anne has been a very active member of Rathfarnham Theatre Group since early in its formation, both as actor and director. She has played many leading roles including Mags in "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" and Linda in "Death of a Salesman". She directed Lady Windermere's Fan in November 2022, acted in The Cripple of

**Crew**

Director

Producer

Stage Manager

Lighting and Sound

Set Construction

Set Design

PRO

Backstage

Front of House

Anne O'Connell

Carl Lusby

Deirdre Nally

Barry Donaldson

Tom Ronayne

Anne O'Connell

Brian O'Connor

Helen O'Brien

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