

bardictheatre presents

IRISH PREMIER

by Jez Butterworth **Directed by**

Bugsy McMahon

Bardic Theatre 1 - 4 Feb. • Marketplace Theatre 8 Feb. • Millennium Forum 15 Feb. • Lyric Theatre 3 - 6 April 2024

Foreword

Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed patrons of the Arts, a warm welcome to Bardic – Tonight, we are delighted to present to you a theatrical event as we embark on the Irish Theatre Premiere of Jez Butterworth's masterful creation, 'The Ferryman.'

In today's world where we are increasingly dominated by screens and virtual experiences, live theatre serves as a sanctuary for genuine human connection. It is a space where laughter, tears, and applause are shared in real-time, forging bonds that endure beyond the final curtain call. Live performance lies in its ability to stir the soul, provoke thought, and unite a community in a way no other medium can.

At the heart of the Bardic Theatre lies inclusivity - an invitation for everyone, regardless of age, background, or expertise, to take the stage, both literally and metaphorically. The Bardic opens its arms by embracing debutantes and seasoned performers alike, fostering an environment where creativity knows no bounds. It is a stage where neighbours become actors, and the community becomes an audience, sharing the joy of storytelling and expression. By the end of this seasons programme the Bardic audiences will have seen over 90 performers take the stage.

This year, the Bardic Theatre has been alive with one the busiest sesons to date. Kicking off the programe was Oscar Wilde's timeless classic, "The Importance of Being Earnest," setting the stage with wit, charm, and a dash of Wildean brilliance. As the curtains rise and fall, each production has left an indelible mark on the hearts of our audience, showcasing outstanding pieces of theatre that pulse with passion and innovation. But wait, the grand finale awaits – the eagerly anticipated annual musical, "West Side Story." Behind the scenes, a symphony of dedication and talent is weaving together, promising an unforgettable crescendo to cap off a year of theatrical splendour.

Bugsy McMahon - Artistic Director

THE FERRYMAN - A Gripping Tale of Betraval, Redemption, and Secrets Unearthed!

In 1981 Northern Ireland, Quinn, a former IRA member, faces his haunting past when his brother's remains are unearthed. A menacing IRA figure demands silence, threatening lives and secrets. This gripping tale of betrayal, redemption, and survival unfolds in a land torn by conflict.

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Uncover the truth in this suspenseful journey.

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Lighting Design James C. McFetridge

> Set Design Stuart Marshall

Sound Design Jim McKeown

> Produced by Sean Faloon

Directed by **Bugsy McMahon**

CAST In order of appearance



Lawrence Malone **Rory Madden**



Frank Magennis **Kevin Campbell**



Father Horrigan **Tony Gervin**



Muldoon Peter Cunningham



Quinn Carney **Bugsy McMahon**



Caitlin Carney Claire McCrory



Mercy Carney Emma Corr



Nunu (Nuala) Carney Maisie Madden



Aunt Maggie Faraway **Catherine Herron**



Shena Carney Aoife O'Neill



Shena Carney **Brianna McGuckin**



Uncle Patrick Carney Frank Fee



Uncle Patrick Carney lain Frazer



James Joseph (JJ) Carney Eoin O'Hagan



Honor Carney Olivia Herron



Oisin Carney Seán Óg Ryan



Aunt Patricia Carney Julie Deery



Tom Kettle Brian Mills



Michael Carney Kevin Canavan

Diarmaid Corcoran

Michael Conlon



Mary Carney Rachel Molloy

Declan Corcoran

Jack Murphy



Shane Corcoran Liam McIlvenna

Bobby Carney (Baby) Louis McClure

Bobby Carney (Baby) Kelsey Madden

Geese Jez & Butterworth

> Rabbit **Beau**

The Bardic wishes to extend recognition to two esteemed former actors of the Bardic Theatre. Fra Fee and Liam Mc Mahon played pivotal roles in the original professional West End production of 'The Ferryman,' directed by Sam Mendes. Fra portrayed the character Michael Carney and Liam served as the understudy for the role of Quinn Carney.

We would like to thank Liam and Fra for their continued support of the Bardic.

Lighting Design Set Design Wardrobe Lighting Operator Sound Operator Set Construction	James C. McFetridge Stuart Marshall Erin Rose Arthurs / Alf and Roe Rew Donaghy Jim McKeown Kelly Carpentry & Joinery
Set Painting Stage Manager Stage Properties Asst. Stage Manager Back Stage	Donal Carey Josh Cuddy Ronnie Moore Toni Ennis Emily Ennis, Anna McCloskey, Michael Dunlop, Jake Sinnamon
Chaperone Pyrotechnics Animal Welfare Animal Handlers	Kate McCausland Ian Cuddy Annaginny Park Farm Jordyn Heatherington, Leon Abraham, Alan Abraham
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Directed by Declan McGrath





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Music by Leonard Bernstein 👱 Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

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