

## **SWAN SONG**

Michael Shannon is a bachelor who lives with his sister Mary. Although he has someone who is very interested in sharing his life he is not enthusiastic. Mary on the other hand would like nothing better than to see her brother happy and maybe take fewer visits to the public house. A chance visit from Mr. Henry on his rounds selling encyclopaedias leads her to a 'cure' for Michael's problem. What follows are his ways of dealing with the situation leading him to make some drastic decisions?

### ACT 1

Michael Shannon is unhappy at his work and the constant teasing from his sister Mary about his love life is getting on his nerves. All that can change in an instant if he believes everything he is told!

### ACT 2

Michael throws caution to the wind and makes some dramatic changes.

### ACT 3

The return of Mr Henry brings about some home truths. Will Michael see the funny side of his 'little joke'?



**PRODUCER**  
John O'Hora



**Michael Shannon:** played by Padraic Traynor. Michael is a middle-aged mill-hand whose life is turned upside down in the space of a few minutes



**Mary Shannon:** played by Mary Martyn. Ms Shannon is a sharp spinster who'd like to see her brother married and spending less time in the public house.



**Maureen Shannon:** played by Eilish O'Brien. Michael and Mary's Niece. She's well read on the ways to a woman's heart.



**Lizzie Casey:** played by Breege Kelly. Lizzie Casey is just waiting to be asked!!!!



**Peter Henry:** played by Alan Moran. Mr Henry is a young progressive salesman. He's sure he has made a bargain at the Shannon house but at whose price!!



**Mr James McMillan**  
An overbearing commercial aristocrat and Michael Shannon's boss.

MC: Aoife McAndrew  
CAST: Padraic Traynor  
Mary Martyn  
Eilish O' Brien  
Breege Kelly  
Alan Moran  
Sean Doherty  
PRODUCER: John O' Hora  
Stage Crew: Noel McAndrew  
Gerry McAndrew  
Seamus Reddington  
Joan Rutledge  
Michael Flanagan  
Seamus Barrett  
PR: Breege Kelly  
Dolores O' Boyle  
Prompters: Josephine Gillespie  
Carmel Traynor  
Set Design: Seamus Reddington  
Lighting: Brian Callaghan

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**“SWAN SONG”**



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Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> & Sun 9<sup>th</sup>  
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