

THE COUNTRY BOY

The plot centres on the first visit home in fifteen years of Eddie Maher together with Julia, his American wife.

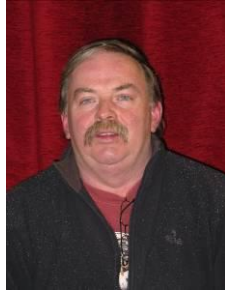
The Country Boy examines the effects of emigration, not just on those who left the country but also on those who were left behind. While the play may be full of comedy and humour, beneath the laughs lie the harsh and sad reality of the bitterness and regret that emigration has inflicted upon Irish society over the years

ACT 1:1: The preparations are in full swing for the arrival of the yanks. ACT 2:2: The yanks arrive but the party is put on hold, as there is another arrival.

ACT 2:1: Curly gets some advice from his big brother Eddie. ACT 2:2: Eddie has a few too many and begins to reminisce.

ACT 3:1: We hear Julia's version of life in her homeland. ACT 3:2: The yanks return but what does the future hold for Tom and Mary Kate, Curly and Eileen.

The Writer John Murphy was born in Charlestown in 1929. He too immigrated to America. He died in Los Angeles and his remains were cremated and taken home for burial. His dream to be laid to rest in his native Mayo was fulfilled in 1998 when the urn containing his ashes were carried a short distance up the Nephin mountain to Cloughbreac by local undertaker J. P. Leonard and buried under a tree in a scenic location after a ceremony in Lahardane. A plaque was also erected in his memory



Tom Maher: played by Tommy Kilroy in his first part with the group. Tom is frustrated that Curly has decided to go to America with Eddie, but life goes on and so does the fair day in Castlebar.



Eddie Maher: played by Michael Flanagan. Eddie is visiting home for the first time since he left fifteen years ago to go to America.



Mary Kate Maher: played by Mary Martyn. Mary Kate is upset, but resigned to losing Curly to America. She's hoping he will change his mind but time is running out



Julia Maher: played by Dolores O'Boyle. Julia arrives home with her husband Eddie and gets the full insight into rural life in Ireland.



Curly Maher: played by Alan Moran. Curly aged 25 has decided to get a life of his own and go to America but this has one major drawback.



Eileen Tierney: played by Katie Kelly in her first part with the group. Eileen still dreams of life with Curly, but America may be a step too far.

Producer John O'Hora

Stage Crew: Noel McAndrew
Gerry McAndrew
Sarah Rutledge
Seamus Barrett

Costumes/Make up Joan Rutledge
Breege Kelly

PR: Joan Rutledge

Prompters: Josephine Gillespie
Breege Kelly

Set Design: Seamus Reddington

Lights and Sound: Seán Doherty
Kevin Doherty

M. C. Padraic Traynor

Programme: Carmel Traynor

Props: Thank you everyone
who provided props

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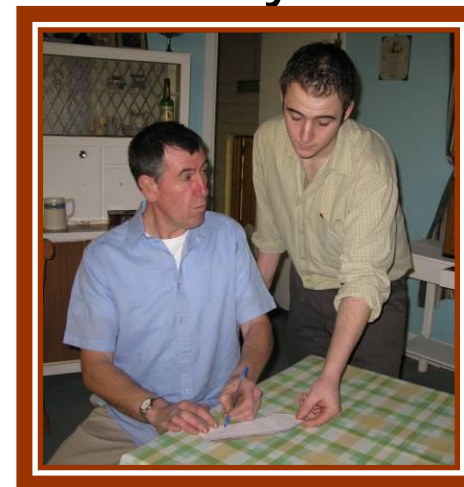
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The Broken Jug Bar & Restaurant 096 72379
Mulhern's Gala & Filling Station 096 30593
Mulhern Builders 096 31239
The Junction Restaurant 096 22149
Hiney's Mace Crossmolina 096 31202
Ardagh GAA
Mickie O' Boyle 096 22055
Davy's Tool Hire Ballina 096 77989
Jacqueline Murphy Purity Hair 096 75749
Archers, Ballina
Munnely's Centra Crossmolina 096 31215
Donald O' Boyle Plant-hire 086 3139623
Gerry Barrett Plaster Moulding 096 74130
Stephen Barrett – Plasterer 096 70047
Padraic Egan (Brickdale Construction) 096 71699
Eamon Moran – Plumber 096 70656
Carr's Convenience Stores 096 75746
Pilot Bar, Enniscrone 096 36131
Quinn's Chemist, Crossmolina 096 31241
William Heverin Architectural Services 096 79813
Michael Barrett Concrete Flooring 087 2686723
Heverin Accounting and I.T 086 8181030
Seamus Heverin Mayo/ Sligo Property Sales
Boland Motor Factors Vincent Clarke 096 78484
Geraldine Murphy Hicksons of Crossmolina
Liam Cawley Hardware Crossmolina 096 31284
Michael Gordon The Chip Van 096 70995
Goldtime Jewellers Ballina
Dillon Brady Accountants 096 72051
The Merry Monk Bar & Restaurant 096 73990
The Ould Shebeen 086 1236175

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A Three Act Comedy Drama
By
John Murphy

**“The Country
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March 2009**