

PM&L Theatre presents

It Runs in the Family

By Ray Cooney



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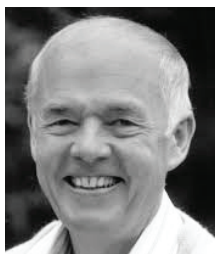
Directed for PM&L by Jim Behr

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It Runs in the Family PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	JIM BEHR
Stage Manager	HILARY SCHNEIDER
Assistant Stage Manager	LANEY BELL
Costumes	LINDSEY YATES-BADTKE
Sound Design	MICHAEL KAVKA
Lighting	CHUCKLEHEADS
Set Design and Build	MARK AUDRAIN
Set Construction	WOW CONSTRUCTION, MATTHEW CRAIG, HILARY SCHNEIDER, ART JONES
Scenic Decorators	MATTHEW CRAIG, KATHY LeFAVE, CHRISTINA HEILGEIST, REGINA REYNOLDS
Producer	MICHELLE SELF
Photographers	GARY L. LUZ, CONNIE WURSTER
House Manager	KATHY DOTY ANDREWS
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Ray Cooney, Author

Ray Cooney began his theatrical career as a boy actor in *Song of Norway* at the Palace Theatre in London 1946. He played in *Dry Rot* and *Simple Spymen* and then began a writing career which, to date, has sent eighteen plays to the London West End including *One for the Pot*, *Not Now Darling*, *Move Over Mrs. Markham*, and *There Goes the Bride*, *Chase My Comrade*, *Why Not Stay for*

Breakfast, *Wife Begins at Forty*, *Run for Your Wife!*, *Two Into One*, *Out of Order*, *It Runs in the Family*, *Funny Money*, *Caught in the Net*, and *Tom, Dick, and Harry*. In 1983 Mr. Cooney formed the Theatre of Comedy Company (bringing together the founder members consisting of thirty West End stars) and he became its first Artistic Director. During Mr. Cooney's tenure the company produced over twenty plays. During his time with the Theatre of Comedy Company and throughout his career, Mr. Cooney has continued to act, direct, and produce while he writes.

It Runs in the Family CAST OF CHARACTERS

DR. DAVID MORTIMORE	Matthew J. Leptich
DR. MIKE CONNOLLY	Donny Myers
ROSEMARY MORTIMORE	Heather Kearney
DR. HUBERT BONNEY	Matthew Craig
MATRON	Chris Jones
SIR WILLOUGHBY DRAKE	Leo Kalisz
JANE TATE	Erin Booth
SISTER	Bonnie Hart
LESLIE	Julian Wilkerson
POLICE SERGEANT	Chris Brouton
BILL LESLEY	Terry O'Brien
MOTHER BONNEY	Dianne Hosken



It Runs in the Family SETTING

Time: the present

Setting: a doctors' common room in St. Andrews Hospital, London.

Act I: Three days before Christmas, 10:45am

Intermission

Act II: Immediately following.

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ERIN BOOTH as Jane Tate

Erin is incredibly excited and grateful to be back on the PM&L stage working with Director Behr. She previously worked with him in *Kill Me, Deadly* and *A Christmas Carol*. Erin most recently played Anne Bonney in *Treasure Island* and can't wait to bring this hilarious comedy to life with this fantastic cast and crew. She is proud to share her love of theatre with her two young daughters and thanks them for their love and support. Enjoy!



CHRIS BROUTON as Police Sergeant

Chris has performed in many shows over the years and co-directed 4 shows with his wonderful amazing wife Julie. Chris most recently appeared on the PM&L stage in *The Bad Seed* last year. He looks forward to this challenging role and thanks his wonderful co-actors and crew. Some of his favorite roles are *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and a play called *The Bachelor King*, a play where he met his Julie. Enjoy the show!!



MATTHEW CRAIG as Dr. Hubert Bonney

After performing in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Matthew is thrilled to be right back on stage. Matthew has been acting since high school. He also often helps build the sets. This is Matthew's first farce and it took tremendous effort to keep a straight face through all of the jokes. When he's not on stage, Matthew entertains dogs at Tops Kennel in Grayslake.



BONNIE HART as Sister

Bonnie is excited to be in her first production at PM&L! However, you may have previously seen her caroling with PM&L around Antioch, as well as working backstage on *The Diviners*. She has been doing theatre from a young age, and has enjoyed playing roles such as Ladybug in CLC's production of *James and The Giant Peach*. Bonnie wants to thank her wonderful friends and hopes you enjoy the show!

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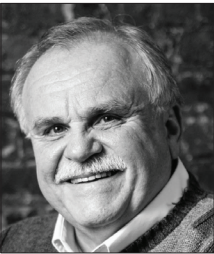
DIANNE HOSKEN as Mother Bonney

Dianne has been with PM&L for over 30 years. She's been involved with amateur and professional theatre for a long time. She understudied for Northlight Theatre and has been in productions at CLC. Dianne has appeared in the Joe Pera TV series and been fortunate to have a few TV commercials to her credit. She and husband, Richard, live in Lindenhurst and have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter! Among her favorite roles at PM&L are Mrs. Paroo in *The Music Man*, Gay Wellington in *You Can't Take It With You*, Ethel Thayer in *On Golden Pond* and Ruth in *Calendar Girls*. She is grateful for anytime on stage and feeling honored to be a part of this production.



CHRIS JONES as Matron

Veteran PM&L performer and supporter, Chris has appeared in 23 productions over the past 27 years. Her favorite roles include Annelle in *Steel Magnolias*, Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre in *The 25Th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Maggie in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Her most recent performances at PM&L were Miss Skillon in *See How They Run* and Luella Bennet in *The Diviners*. Chris is thankful for her family and friends and their continued support.



LEO KALISZ as Dr. Willoughby Drake

Leo appeared last season in *See How They Run* for which he won a Minor Support Award. He is happy to be working again with Director Behr and this talented cast and crew. Leo enjoys time with his family and going to car shows and polka dances. Leo is a retired 911 operator. Leo says "If I can make you laugh and smile I've accomplished my mission. Thanks to my family for their support."



HEATHER KEARNEY as Rosemary

Heather's first performance was *Shrek, the Musical* right here at PM&L. In that production she had many roles which lead to many more roles behind the scenes. Whether it be a stagehand for *Kill me Deadly*, costuming *Man of LaMancha* or makeup for *Treasure Island* and *Cats*, she's always looking to have fun and showcase her skills. This will be her first main role on stage and is extremely excited to showcase another one of her many talents. Enjoy!!

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MATTHEW J. LEPTICH

as Dr. David Mortimore

Actor/improviser & singer/songwriter, Matthew is grateful to be performing at the PM&L Theatre. He's excited to be a part of this incredibly funny farce and thrilled to be working with such a fantastic cast and crew. Most recently he was at the Piven Theatre in Evanston as Xander in Christie Twillie's "Homeland 24." Matthew has trained and performed at Chicago's iO theater. He is married and has four children.



DONNY MYERS as Dr. Mike Connolly

Donny Myers is extremely happy to be returning to the stage in *It Runs In The Family*. He has previously appeared at PM&L in *Bleacher Bums* and *A Christmas Carol*. Donny has also been in productions such as *Wait Until Dark* (Riverview Theatre Co) and the lead in *DOG SEES GOD* (Theater Underground). Currently Donny resides in Lindenhurst with his family and wishes to thank them for supporting his return to the stage.



TERRY O'BRIEN as Bill Lesley

Terry would like to thank Jim Behr for the opportunity to share many laughs. Terry has been performing for years at PM&L. He was last seen as Santa Claus in the 2017 production of *A Christmas Story*. Earlier he played the Blind Man in *Young Frankenstein the Musical*, Robert in *Boeing Boeing*, and The Mayor in *The Music Man* in which he shared the stage with his daughter Ashley. Terry enjoys all the friendships he has with the PM&L family.



JULIAN WILKERSON as Leslie

Julian is in his 4th production at PM&L, he's very excited to take the stage with a few more new faces! In his last onstage venture at PM&L, he played a dual role as a pirate and a policeman in the comic operetta *The Pirates of Penzance*. Earlier he performed in *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Urinetown the Musical*. He'd like to thank his family and friends for their continued support.

It Runs in the Family CREW PROFILES



JIM BEHR, Director

Jim is a 17 year member of PM&L and a director for PM&L since 2012. He most recently directed the hilarious farce *See How they Run* in 2018. He has also been seen in many stage roles here at PM&L including Juror 8 in *Twelve Angry Men*, Franz Liebkind in *The Producers*, Riff-Raff in *The Rocky Horror Show* (2011), and most recently as Basil Bennet in *The Diviners*.



HILARY SCHNEIDER, Stage Manager

Hilary is feeling so great to be involved in another show. Previous stage manager credits include *A Christmas Carol - 2016*, *Kill Me, Deadly* and *See How They Run*. Hilary likes to perform onstage as well. She thanks the cast and crew of the show for a wonderful time and hopes you all in the audience have one as well. Enjoy the show! :) :)

It Runs in the Family **BRITISH COLLOQUIALISMS**

Contributor: Hilary Schneider

MATRON The matron was once the most senior nurse in a hospital (in the United Kingdom before ca. 1972). She was responsible for all the nurses and domestic staff, overseeing all patient care, and the efficient running of the hospital, although she almost never had real power over the strategic running of the hospital.

BOXING DAY is a secular holiday celebrated the day after Christmas Day. It originated in the United Kingdom and is celebrated in a number of countries that previously formed part of the British Empire. Boxing Day is on December 26, although the attached bank holiday or public holiday may take place either on that day or two days later.

“**CORONATION STREET**” (also known as **CORRIE**) is a British soap opera created by Granada Television and shown on ITV since December, 1960. The program centers on Coronation Street in Weatherfield, a fictional town based on inner-city Salford. In the show’s fictional history, the street was built in 1902 and named in honor of the coronation of King Edward VII. In September of 2010, it became the world’s longest-running television soap opera and was listed in **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS**.

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MINCE PIE is a sweet pie of British origin, filled with a mixture of dried fruits and spices called “mincemeat” that is traditionally served during the Christmas season in much of the English-speaking world.

GOUT is a form of inflammatory arthritis that develops in some people who have high levels of uric acid in the blood. The acid can form needle-like crystals in a joint and cause sudden, severe episodes of pain, tenderness, redness, warmth and swelling.

PILES - collections of tissue and vein that become inflamed and swollen. The size of piles can vary, and they are found inside or outside the anus. Piles occur due to chronic constipation, chronic diarrhea, lifting heavy weights, pregnancy, or straining when passing a stool.

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE (c. 1540 to January 28, 1596) was an English explorer involved in piracy and illicit slave trading who became the second person ever to circumnavigate the globe. In 1577, Drake was chosen as the leader of an expedition intended to pass around South America, through the Strait of Magellan, and explore the coast that lay beyond. Drake successfully completed the journey and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I upon his triumphant return. In 1588 Drake saw action in the English defeat of the Spanish Armada.

“**SPEND A PENNY**” This refers to the (former) use of coin operated locks on public toilets. It was used mostly in the UK and mostly by women (men’s urinals were free of charge). “Spend a penny” has now gone out of use, partly because charges have changed and partly because it was always a coy euphemism, which now seems rather dated.

SLUICE ROOM - where used disposables such as incontinence pads and bedpans are dealt with, and where medical and surgical instruments are sterilized and disinfected.

TALK-BACK BLEEPER - a pager (also known as a beeper) - a wireless telecommunications device that receives and displays alphanumeric or voice messages.

MELODRAMA - a sensational dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events intended to appeal to the emotions.

LARGACTIL - an international brand of chlorpromazine, an antipsychotic agent with many uses including control of mania; schizophrenia; control nausea and vomiting; restlessness; intractable hiccups; hyperexcitability.