

BENNINGTON COLLEGE DRAMA

The Playboy of the Western World

by John Millington Synge



LESTER MARTIN THEATRE
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BY JOHN MILLINGTON SYNGE

DIRECTED BY DANIELA VARON

THE CAST

(IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Margaret Flaherty (*called Pegeen Mike*).....Ann Vieira
Shawn Keogh, *her cousin, a young farmer*.....Larry Dague
Michael James Flaherty, *a publican, Pegeen's father*.....Ryan C. Tittle
Jimmy Farrell, *a small farmer*.....Ben Spencer
Philly Cullen, *a small farmer*.....Penn Genthner
Christopher Mahon.....Cansu Ozer
Widow Quin.....Carol Symes
Susan Brady, *a village girl*.....Lucy Skeen
Nelly McLoughlin, *a village girl*.....Jamie Hui
Honor Blake, *a village girl*.....Sara Harvey
Sara Tansey, *a village girl*.....Becky Renfrow
Old Mahon.....Kirk Jackson

Scene: A small village, on the wild coast of Mayo, in Ireland's lonesome west.

Time: About a century ago.

Act I, an evening in autumn.

Act II, the following morning.

Act III, that afternoon.

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission between Act II and Act III.

SET DESIGN.....MICHAEL SCHWEIKARDT
LIGHTING DESIGN.....MICHAEL GIANNITTI
COSTUME DESIGN.....JUNIO ANTHES-MOODY
ANNIE BROWN
DANIEL MICHAELSON
SOUND DESIGN.....N. B. ALDRICH
DIALECT COACH.....JANIS YOUNG
FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHER.....MICHAEL BURNET

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TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: ANDREW CANCELLIERI

STAGE MANAGER: COLLEEN JENNINGS

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS: MEGAN ADCOCK

JESS CARR

NIRANJAN KUNWAR

ASSISTANT SET DESIGNER: SCOTT ARONOW

ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGNER: MONICA HUBBARD

ASSOCIATE COSTUME DESIGNER: EMILIA KEENE-KENDRICK

MASTER ELECTRICIAN: KRYSSY WRIGHT

PROPS COORDINATOR: KEVIN CASEY

PROPS COLLECTORS: TUGCE KURTIS

MUNIZEH SANIA

LIGHTING BOARD OPERATOR: BILGE GULTURK

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: RYAN NEALON

LIGHT HANG: JOHN BOYD, SCOTT BUSH, MICHELLE CERONE,

MEREDITH HONIG, KYLE MOSHOLDER,

PERUSHOTTAM NEPAL, CHRISTIAN PANATE,

JUSTIN REALMUTO, ELIZABETH STEVENS

COSTUME CONSTRUCTION: NELL STEWART, TIFFANY THERIAULT

WARDROBE: NICOLE POPE, WILL SELLHEIM

STAGEHANDS: ESTEE CLAUSS, JEREMY DAVIS,

COURTNEY FITZGERALD, ANNA JOHNSON,

BETH PRICE

FIGHT CAPTAIN: CAROL SYMES

POSTER AND PROGRAM DESIGN: AMBER SCHERMANN

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A Brief Synge Glossary for "The Playboy of the Western World"

compiled by Jill Hays and Daniela Varon

Bad Cess: bad luck

Boreen: small, narrow dirt lane

Conceit: a liking, fancy for, notion, desire

Cot: small cottage or cabin

Cuteness: acuteness, cleverness

Drift: herd, flock

Felts: thrushes

Gaffer: fellow, lad

Gob: mouth or beak

Liefer: rather, sooner

Lug: ear

Mitch off: sneak off, play truant

Old Hen: influenza

Parlatic: paralyzed from drink

Polis: police

Pot-Boy: serving boy in pub or shebeen

Shift: undergarment, chemise

Slate: thrash, beat

Suppeen: small drink

Union: workhouse, poorhouse

Wattle: thin stick

Whisht: hush, shut up

Banbh: young piglet (pronounced "baniv")

Butt: end

Cruceen: small hill (pronounced "nuckeen")

Crupper: rump of a mule, donkey, horse

Divil A One: strong negative

Droughty: thirsty

Furze: gorse

Gallows: spirited, wonderful, fine, splendid

Hooker: one-masted fishing boat

Loy: long, narrow spade

Militia: part of British garrison

Moiling: drudging, working hard

Pandied: beaten, flogged

Peeler: policeman

Porter: a weak, sweet stout

a Power of: a great deal of, many

Skelping: hitting, beating, whipping

Streeler: idle, slovenly person

Turf: peat cut from bogs for fuel

Wanting: wanted by the law

Western States: America

Warrant: gift for

Bona Fide: person living far enough from a tavern to be considered a traveler and so served at all hours

Cholera Morbus: often fatal disease common in times of famine and malnutrition

Creel cart: cart with open, barred, or grated sides

Curagh: small light wicker-frame boat covered in tarred canvas or hide

Dispensation: from high church officials, needed by Catholics when cousins want to marry

Eastern World: mythological land located to the east of Ireland

Jobbing Jockies: cheating jockies, or occasionally employed jockies, or men who break horses

Kharki: khaki, worn by members of English military

Kilmainham: notorious British jail in Dublin where many Irish heroes and nationalists were imprisoned, tortured, executed

Playboy: trickster, or one who plays games, or one who plays with women

Poteen: strong illegal home-distilled whisky (pronounced "potchyeen")

Shebeen: low public house or tavern, originally unlicensed or illegal

Spavindy: lame, afflicted with disease of the hocks (in horses, asses)

Streeleen: chatter, flow of discourse, conversation

Thraheen: thread, or thread-thin stalk of meadow grass or straw

Tinkers: nomadic wanderers of Irish roads, also known as "travelers"

Turbary: right to cut turf/peat from bogs on another person's land

Wake: the watching of the dead from death to burial, usually accompanied by drink and festivities

Western World: west of Ireland; or Ireland vs. rest of the world; or Ireland as part of western Europe; or in some contexts America; or mythological land located to the west of Ireland