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Cúchulainn and the Brown Bull.

This year, the Cúchulainn Players are presenting a hilarious musical comedy based on the story of The Táin, - the famous story of the Brown Bull of Cooley written and directed by Tony Barry..

The group is delighted this year to welcome into the cast American actress and singer Shannon Lambert Ryan, who will play the part of Maeve, six members of the very talented local S.O.N.G group, (Ciara Daly, Sinéad O'Callaghan, Aisling McCabe, Niamh Gaskin, Méabh O'Hagan, and Jane Wynne) , some students from DKIT (Barbara O'Connor and Breda Ray) and Carol McKeivitt, who came along for the music and the craic.

They join the usual suspects from the Cuchulainn Players...Tony Markey (Ailill), Jimmy McEneaney (The Teacher), Jack Montgomery(A Distressed Poet), Neal McEneaney (The Shy and Retiring Cúchulainn), Seán Kinahan (who doubles as a frisky Charioteer and the doomed Ferdia), Aiden Carroll (a Useless Messenger), Eddie Cranney and Tom Maher (Also Useless Messengers), Brendan Judge (a Student, then a Thick Bull Owner), Colm Lally (A student, then a pregnant King Of Ulster), Irene Dunne (a Student who loses the run of herself as a Poetess), Lynsey O'Neill (who loses her heart to Cúchulainn), Adeline Bruen, Paula Gribben, Eilis Hamilton and Margaret Mulholland (who Lose The Plot With The Charioteer), Liz McConnon (The Underworld temptress) , Anne McParland (Liz McConnon's Alter Ego), and Karen Murphy (A Diligent Student).

The sixteen musical numbers, written by Tony and his talented sons-Ruairí, Fionán, and Éamonn are being fine-tuned by the ever-watchful Liz McConnon, while the Choreographer, Terese Dunne is getting the most out of young and old.

The first performance is on Wednesday 11th of November, and the show runs until Saturday 14th , each night at 8.00pm.

Admission is €15. Credit Card and Telephone Bookings can be made through the Town Hall Booking Office (042 9332276).

Group rates can be arranged. Just ask any member of the cast or phone 086 3361472



Shannon Lambert Ryan
(Queen Maeve)



Tony Markey
(Ailill)