

WAIPUKURAU LITTLE
THEATRE



PRESENTS

IT'S MY PARTY

And I'll Die if I Want To



Written by: Elizabeth Coleman Directed by: Roger Bronte

SYNOPSIS

A Black Comedy

Written by Elizabeth Coleman,

Directed by Roger Brontë

“Good evening. At 10.23 on January 24 my doctor gave me 3 months to live. By my calculations that gives me exactly 111 minutes left. So Dawn invited the kids around for sausage rolls and Saladas.”

So begins "It's My Party (And I'll Die if I Want To)". Ron Patterson has 111 minutes to live, so he decides to invite the children around to the house on the evening of his death for a bit of quality time, without revealing the actual reason for the family gathering.

Almost immediately we are plunged into a night of family squabbles, jealousies and competition where a few home truths are disclosed and episodes lurch between poignant and outrageous. This black comedy gives the word "family" a whole new perspective and meaning.

As Ron attempts to tie up the loose ends of his life, all the juicy neuroses of this very dysfunctional family come out of the closet, and his well planned last party starts to unravel.

CAST

Ron Patterson ~ Family Patriarch

Lindsey Bishop

Dawn Paterson ~ Ron's Wife

Helen Reeves

Michael Patterson ~ only son (36)

Simon Fergusson

Debbie Patterson ~ daughter (32)

El Kuklinski

Karen Patterson ~ daughter (24)

Zara Hubbard

Ted Wilkins ~ Funeral Director

Eddie Spargo



Roger Brontë

PRODUCTION CREW

Production Secretary	Caroline von Dadelszen Marg Hewitt
Stage Manager	Charlotte Aitken
Lighting Design	Michael Nairn Mitchell Bray
Set Design	Roger Brontë
Poster/Programme Design	Lindsey Bishop
Set Construction	Bruce Poole Derek Prior
Set Painting	Terry Coyle
Properties	Charlotte Aitken Jacqueline Roberts
Costumes	Christine Dooney Marg Hewitt Caroline von Dadelszen
Lighting Operators	Mitchell Bray Michael Nairn
Rehearsal Prompt	Sharon SciaScia

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WAIPUKURAU LITTLE THEATRE

The next play from the Little Theatre will be

AGNES OF GOD by John Pielmeier

Directed by Roger Brontë

“Agnes of God is a play which tells the story of a novice nun who gives birth and insists that the dead child was the result of a virgin conception.”

“Agnes of God is a bold and unsettling drama that deals with a very deep and powerful subject matter.”

PRODUCTION DATES: Little Theatre will stage this play from **Thursday 21st to Saturday 30th August.**

AUDITIONS: The auditions will be held in the Little Theatre on **Sunday the 18th May at 2.00p.m.**

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