

WYONG DRAMA GROUP Inc
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presents ...



Don't Dress for Dinner

by
Marc Camoletti

adapted by
Robin Hawdon

April/May 1998



The Director Says:

The first time I read this play my thoughts were "what a crazy plot for a cast to perform, and hopefully for an audience to enjoy", because at times it's mind boggling.

When the play opens *Bernard* is anxiously encouraging his wife *Jacqueline* in her decision to spend the weekend with her mother. Meanwhile *Bernard* has planned to entertain his mistress *Suzy* at his home for her birthday. He also invited best friend *Robert* as an alibi. What *Bernard* doesn't know is that his wife *Jacqueline* and *Robert* are secret lovers. *Bernard* has engaged a Cordon Bleu cook, also called *Suzy* to provide gourmet delights for the evening. What could go wrong? How about the cook being mistaken for the mistress and the mistress, who can't cook, being mistaken for the cook? This is the perfect recipe for an evening of fun for all. So sit back and try unravelling "who's who?"

The Crew

Director	Bonnie Bryant
Stage Managers	Elizabeth Sutton & Pam Campbell
Production Manager	Julie Bailey
Prompt	Carol Jordan
Lighting/Sound	Ron Baker & Carol Jordan
Set Design & Decor	Elizabeth Sutton
Set Construction	Peter Birch Jim Dobbyn Brian Birch Laszlo Weidlich Ron Baker
Costumes	Elizabeth Sutton
Publicity	Wendy Potter & Julie Bailey
Supper	Eileen Morris & WDG Members
F O H Manager	Robyn Weidlich
FO H	Jenny Newman & Mathew Richards
Makeup	Helen Schumann
Security	Robert Price
Print Co-ordinator	Kath Izzard
Design & Artwork	Hobbs & Hobbs Publishing
Photography	David Hobbs

Bernie O'Brien - Robert
 Bernie joined WDG in January 1997. Patrons will remember Bernie for his sensitive portrayal of Edwin in *Hotel Sorrento*, The Priest in *Victims* and Clive in *See How they Run*. Just to show how versatile he is, Bernie stage managed *Stepping Out* last November. "... and I'm still having a great time!" says Bernie. We're happy to see you on stage again.



Debbi Clarke - Suzanne
 This is her second production with WDG, having enjoyed playing Vera in the recent production of *Stepping Out*. Being involved with two GMS musicals - *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *South Pacific*, as well as Central Coast Theatresports and helping out backstage at the 4th Wall Theatre Company has kept Debbie very busy!



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John Czerniecki - George
 John has appeared in countless roles for WDG, GMS, WWLT, Fringe Theatre and The Genesians. You will remember his most recent performances for WDG in *Who Do You Think You Are*, *Hotel Sorrento*, *Last Tango in Little Grimley*, *Victims* and *See How They Run*. We're sure you'll enjoy him again in our latest production of *Don't Dress for Dinner*.



Synopsis of Scenes

The play takes place in the living room of a lovely French holiday home, two hours from Paris. English couple Bernie and Jacqueline travel regularly to their country retreat from Devon, inviting friends to visit them

Time - the present

Act I - Evening

INTERVAL

Act II - Two hours later



Laszlo Weidlich - Bernard
Laszlo has appeared in many WDG productions and is one of our valuable leading men. His roles have included *Macbeth*, *Accommodations*, *Daylight Saving*, *The Odd Couple*, *Victims* and our most recent production of *See How They Run*. He also appeared in *Hello Dolly* for GMS. Laszlo again brings his considerable talent to the stage in his role as *Bernard*.

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Ruth Jordan - Suzette
Ruth's excellent talent was last seen as *Sylvia* in WDG's production of *Stepping Out*. Some of her other favourite roles include *Mary* in *Victims*, *Meg* in *Hotel Sorrento* and the brilliant portrayal of *Florence* in *The Odd Couple*. As well as carrying out the demanding position of President, Ruth is revelling in this very physical role of *Suzette*.



Cathy De Vries - Jacqueline
Cathy may be a new member to WDG but is no stranger to the stage. She was a member of a singing group *The Serenaders* in her home town of Kiama plus roles with The Roo Theatre and WMTC, including *Agatha* in *Guys & Dolls* and *Sister Bertha* in *The Sound of Music*. This is Cathy's biggest challenge to date and she is very enthusiastic and excited about her role.

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