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# Maggie's Getting Married



A comedy that matters

**By Norm Foster**

**Directed by Ron Baker**

**17,18, 19 - 24,25,26 April 2008**

WYONG MEMORIAL HALL, ANZAC AVE WYONG

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**Norm Foster**

*About The Playwright*

Norm was born in Newmarket Ontario in 1949. He attended West Hill Collegiate High School in Toronto then studied Radio and Television Arts at Centennial College and at Confederation College in Thunder Bay. Norm wrote two plays for Malcolm Black and was then Artistic Director at Theatre New Brunswick. *The Melville Boys* has made Foster one of Canada's most produced playwrights. *The Affections of May Sinners* and *The Melville Boys* have been translated into French. Norm Foster is one of Canada's most prolific writers of comedies-that-matter.

*The Setting*

**TIME:** The Present

**SETTING:** The kitchen in the home of Tom and Cass Duncan, the night before their daughter Maggie's wedding.

## From The Director

As a director I am always looking for different styles and types of plays. I was told about *Maggie's Getting Married* by a drama group member who saw it in Canada. After reading the play I found it close to reality – it reflects situations that you have possibly heard of, seen, or even been involved in – a slice of life.

I started directing in 1997 with *Love Letters*. Since then, *Running Riot* – 2000, *The Fourth Wall* – 2001, *Life Goes On* – 2003, and *Heaven Can Wait* – 2005, as well as many Theatrefest one-act plays. My only performances have been in 1999 *Hot Taps* and in 1998 *It Runs in the Family*. Many thanks for the support of my dedicated crew and Wyong Drama Group members.

My sincere thanks to my cast who have worked tirelessly to create their individual characters. It has been fun and enjoyable.

*Ron Baker*

## The Cast

### In order of Appearance

Maggie Duncan	Ruth Jordon
Wanda Duncan	Debbi Clarke
Cass Duncan	Julie Bailey
Tom Duncan	Howard Oxley
Axel Wilkie	John Czerniecki
Russell MacMillan	Duncan Mitchell



MAGGIE DUNCAN

**Ruth Jordan**

Ruth has been a member of Wyong Drama Group for more than 20 years. Some of her favourite productions include *Soulmates*, *The Donohoe Sisters*, *Shades of Gray*, *Stepping Out*, *Noises Off!*, *Hotel Sorrento* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* When she's not treading the boards, she's busy organising Central Coast Theatrefest, a festival of one-act plays, which is held in June each year.

Maggie



WANDA DUNCAN

**Debbi Clarke**

Since returning to the Central Coast 13 years ago, Debbi has done 12 Musicals with GMS, been involved in the early days of Theatresports, and now – this will be her 6<sup>th</sup> production with Wyong Drama Group, her most recent role being in *A Bedfull of Foreigners* in 2006. Debbi is particularly fond of *Maggie's Getting Married* as she saw it on stage at a local playhouse on Victoria Island in Canada, and is thrilled to be part of WDG's current production. She hopes you all enjoy it as much as she did!

Wanda



CASS DUNCAN

**Julie Bailey**

Julie was last seen as "Gossip", one of the mental patients in WDG's 2007 award-winning Theatrefest production of *The Cage Birds*. Her last role in a full-length play was "that stupid woman" of legendary Cabaret prowess, in *'Allo 'Allo*. The opportunity to play a dedicated church-going, respectable, if somewhat manipulative, dentist's wife comes with some relief. Aaaah – variety – the spice of life!

Cass



TOM DUNCAN

**Howard Oxley**

Another year, another play ... been treading the stage with Wyong Drama Group for over 20 years and am still enjoying myself. Appeared last for WDG in Harold Pinter's *Dumb Waiter* but known best as Basil in *Fawlty Towers*. As the local doctor, rehearsing a play also takes a lot of "patience". Hopefully I've got another ten years of comedy in me!!

Tom



AXEL WILKIE

**John Czerniecki**

John has appeared in many roles for Wyong Drama Group, as well as others including GMS, WWLT, Fringe Theatre and AdHoc. His most recent performances were as Inspector Harris in *Pass the Butler*, Danny in *Soulmates*, Claude in *A Bedfull of Foreigners*, Capitano Alberto Bertorelli in 'Allo 'Allo and Terry in *Fawlty Towers*. John loves all forms of theatre, especially good comedies, and considers this play to be one of the better ones. He hopes that you will sit back and enjoy this comic slice of life.

Axel



RUSSELL MacMILLAN

**Duncan Mitchell**

Duncan has been with Wyong Drama Group for many years now. He was most recently seen in *Pass the Butler* last November. Duncan is enjoying the change in role as Russell, who is completely different from Butler, a character who said a lot with only a few words. Duncan hopes you enjoy the play and his interpretation of Russell.

Russell

# The Crew

Director	Ron Baker
Production Manager	Robyn Weidlich
Stage Manager	Ros Ellis
Stage Assistants	Nikki De Vries, Britt Southern
Prompt	Millie Sampson
Light & Sound	Paul Ractliffe
Front of House Manager	Jenny Newman
Set Construction	Hagen Heinrich, Barry Sampson, Laszlo Weidlich
Costumes	Wendy Potter
Make-up	Helen Schumann
Refreshments	Barry Sampson
Publicity	WDG members
Photography	Peter Santangelo, Ros Ellis, Matthew Richards
Bookings	Robyn Weidlich

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### **JUNE 20, 21 and 22**

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Tickets at the door – no booking required

### **AUGUST- 14, 15, 16 & 21, 22, 23**

“Loot” by Joe Orton. Director Hagen Heinrich

### **NOVEMBER – 6, 7, 8 & 13, 14, 15**

“Two into One” by Ray Cooney. Director Millie Sampson

*Bookings open one month before show. Telephone 4353.4353.*

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### **INFORMATION**

Would you like to know more about Wyong Drama Group?

Visit our website for all the latest news as well as some fascinating history of our group: [www.wyongdramagroup.com.au](http://www.wyongdramagroup.com.au)

### **JOIN**

Do you think you might like to join Wyong Drama Group ? We're a friendly bunch and always welcome new members. There are numerous areas of interest – acting, directing, set design & construction, props, costumes, make-up, lighting, sound, publicity and many more. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Green Room, with short general business followed by a drama-related activity, then supper. Call us on 4353 4353 if you'd like more information.

## Albert's General Store

Internet Café and great meeting place for a coffee and a chat  
**Railway Square, Wyong**  
Easy parking in front  
**You can pay for pre-booked tickets to WDG plays here!**



## WANTED! preferably alive.

New members 18 – 35. While we welcome all ages, we are a bit short of young stars ready to fill the gaps as the “regulars” grow older! With our Theatrefest coming up, a one-act play might be the ideal way to start.

Auditions will be held soon for Theatrefest and for our next full play “Loot”.

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# Central Coast Theatrefest 2008

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