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Long established as one of Ireland's top comic performers, June Rodgers has regularly appeared on television, in films and in the full range of stage productions from musical theatre to pantomime. Born in Tallaght, Co. Dublin, when it was still a sleepy rural village, June attended St Patrick's Grammar School in the Liberties, Dublin.

Since first coming to prominence in John Player Tops, June has become a household name and a great favourite of young and old alike. Film work includes appearing alongside Angelica Houston in Agnes Browne, On the Nose with Robbie Coltraine and One Step Back starring Patrick Bergin and Brendan O'Carroll.

Her television work includes a guest appearance in the 2009 series of the RTE medical drama The Clinic. June also hosted a radio programme on the history of variety theatre on the RTE radio documentary series Different Stages. She has also appeared many times on The Late Late Show, and has even been brave enough to be a guest of Podge and Rodge! More recently she has become a regular guest on Joe Duffy's "Funny Fridays" on RTE One's Liveline programme.

As a cabaret artist June has starred in her own show for a number of highly successful seasons at The Red Cow Moran Hotel and The Silver Springs Moran Hotel and is delighted to be making a welcome return this Christmas with a brand new show. She has extensively toured the U.S. and has featured her range of crazy characters in a number of live and studio CD recordings and on DVD.

Her DVD "Whatever!", with guest appearances by Derek Mooney, on whose show June is a regular contributor, Senator David Norris and celebrity gardener Dermot O'Neill, was a top seller over Christmas 2008 and featured prominently in the Irish charts.

The theatre stage is, however, June's first love. She took a leading role for six successive seasons in Ireland's premier pantomime at The Gaiety Theatre and in recent years moved to The Olympia Theatre in the production of Cinders and Jack and the Beanstalk. She gave a hilarious performance in the stage musical version of The Full Monty at The Olympia Theatre and on tour, and played the part of Edith in the Pirates of Penzance at the Helix.

She made a guest appearance in The Hallelujah Chorus at The Point, and has made many appearances with The Billie Barry Stage School at The Gaiety Theatre.

June lives in a beautiful old stone cottage in Firhouse, at the foot of the Dublin Mountains, with her husband Peter Lane and their three dogs. To relax, she greatly enjoys gardening and walking the dogs.

Her new DVD will be available at Christmas and will include everyone's favorite Oliver Bond and Jacinta O'Brien!

June is delighted to be working with such a talented team for this years show and hope's you all enjoy the show, if not, WHATEVER!!!

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Cast: West End Star Morgan Crowley, Dez Allen, Ruth Melody, Leah Moran, Ruth Devine, Kellie Anne Purtill, Thomas Creighton, David Whelan

Production Team:

Scriptwriter: Martin Higgins,

Choreographer: Ciaran Connolly,

Assistant Choreographer: Dez Allen,

Costume Designer: Patricia Mooney

Musical Director: Andy O'Callaghan,

Assistant Producer: Brenda Brooks

Lighting and Design: Nigel Lombard,

Hair and Make-Up: Jennie Readman

Sound Designer: Terry Heron, Percussionist: Paul Cantwell

Photography: Paul Timon, Stage Manager: Olga Tighe

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Andy O'Callaghan – Musical Director

Andy O'Callaghan has been working in the forefront of the Irish music industry for the last 35 years. He has been musical director for many RTE productions including Sunday Night at The Olympia, Off the Record, She's Got It, The Gay Byrne Music Show, Shades of Red, Jacinta, Colm Wilkinson, amongst many others!

In the nineties, Andy was a director of Comet Productions, producers of The Gaiety pantomime for five years. He also worked as musical supervisor on Riverdance the show from 1997 to 2001.

Andy was musical director for the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics in 2003, and earlier this year was musical director at the Convention Centre Dublin for the Gala Concert for Queen Elizabeth. This is his ninth season with June at The Red Cow Moran Hotel – it's obviously becoming a bit of a habit!



Ciaran Connolly – Choreographer

Dublin born Ciaran started his illustrious career at the Billie Barry Stage School and has since gone on to become one of the busiest dancers and choreographers in the business.

Recently toured with Take That and Robbie Williams, Ciaran has also toured and danced with Cheryl Cole, Robbie Williams, Sir Cliff Richard, Katherine Jenkins, Darcy Bussell, Daniel O'Donnell, Emma Bunton, Atomic Kitten, Peter Kay, Girls Aloud, Lulu, Pixie Lott, Jamelia and Meat Loaf to name but a few!!

Television credits include The X Factor, Allan Carr, The Brit Awards, Top of the Pops, and more recently Pop Star Opera Star. Ciaran's modeling career has seen him work for some of the top names in the industry such as Reiss, Ted Baker, Next, H&M and L'Oreal.

Ciaran also choreographed the Cork Opera House pantomime; Jack and the Beanstalk and he is delighted to be back for what will be his second year with the June Rodgers Show.



Martin Higgins – Scriptwriter

Martin has been a professional comedy writer for twenty years, and first came to prominence as a comedy writer/director in the John Player Tops variety competition.

It was during this time that Martin met June Rodgers, who was just starting out on her professional career. It was the beginning of long collaboration that continues to this day, with Martin currently writing all of June's original material.

Something of a veteran of pantomime writing at this stage, Martin has scripted Dublin's Gaiety Theatre pantomime for ten years. He has also scripted the pantomime for the Everyman Palace Theatre in Cork for the past three seasons, including this year's Beauty and the Beast.

Martin is delighted to be working with June again on this year's show.

Brenda Brooks - Assistant Producer

Brenda is best known for playing Olga in the RTE television series Fair City. Numerous other television credits include playing Aisling in the RTE series Different Dreams and the role of Nurse Jenkins in George Gently with Martin Shaw on BBC1.



Brenda's musical career covers a broad range of parts in theatres nationwide including Nellie Forbush in South Pacific at The Gaiety Theatre, the Baroness in The Sound of Music at The Cork Opera House and 42nd Street at The Gaiety Theatre, to name but a few.

Brenda created the role of Molly in the musical The Ha'penny Bridge at The Cork Opera House and the role of Bridget Foley in The Wiremen for River Productions at The Gaiety Theatre. She has toured Europe with productions of Riverdance and Magical Rhythms of Ireland.

Brenda has previously performed as special guest in three of June's Christmas shows and she is delighted to be back working with June again.

Morgan Crowley – West End Star!

June's special guest this year is 'West End Star', Morgan Crowley. Morgan hails from an artistic and close-knit family based in Ireland and America. He won many distinctions and awards at both national and international level including the prestigious John McCormack prize and the Outstanding Male Entertainer Award from IMTF.



No stranger to the stage Morgan has appeared as lead singer with River Dance the show, before moving on to play leading roles in West End musicals including Chicago and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera to name but a few! Morgan's television credits include Eastenders, Fair City and Glenroe.

Morgan is eagerly awaiting his debut performance alongside June and her cast at this year's show.

Dez Allen - Assistant Choreographer

A veritable veteran of musical theatre, Dez has been working with June for over 15 years. Dez has been involved in many previous productions including the German tour of West Side Story and Jesus Christ Superstar. He was also the narrator in the West End production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Some Like it Hot, Kiss of the Spider Women, Hot Mikado at The Olympia Theatre, Ha'penny Bridge at The Cork Opera House, 42nd Street at The Gaiety Theatre and Pirates of Penzance at Dublin's Helix.



Dez has worked with legends such as Maureen Potter and Brendan Grace and is delighted to be back working with The June Rodgers Show again.



Ruth Melody

Ruth began training at the Billie Barry Stage School at the tender age of 3. She continued her studies at NUI Maynooth, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Music Performance. Ruth has also worked as a dancer and model and has worked many catwalks in London including The Miss Universe pageant. Ruth has been involved in many musical theatre productions including Annie, Princess Jade and Aladdin at The Gaiety Theatre.

This is Ruth's fourth appearance with The June Rodgers Show and she is delighted to be back in the Red Cow Moran Hotel again this year.



Thomas Creighton

Hailing from Drimnagh, Thomas has played leading roles in shows as diverse as 42nd Street at The Gaiety Theatre, where he played the role of Billy Lawlor, the Irish premiere of Hair playing Claude, the multi award winning Crazy for You playing Bobby Child, right through to Dance Q's and Huckleback Shoes, which had a successful tour of The Caribbean.

Internationally Thomas has been involved in a number of productions including Oklahoma and Godspell where he played John the Baptist and Judas. Thomas has also been involved in numerous other productions including La Cage Aux Folles, Hot Mikado, The Ultimate Tribute Show and Beauty and the Beast, as well as being part of New Year's celebrations for the Royal Family of Bahrain and Dubai.

Thomas has now been involved in The June Rodgers Show for a number of years and is delighted to be back; to play a myriad of colorful characters, as well as to sing and dance.



Leah Moran

Billie Barry Stage School trained Leah has been working professionally as a dancer since the age of sixteen and has appeared in numerous theatres in Ireland and abroad.

She has been involved in many previous productions including Eagles Wings, The Daniel O'Donnell Rock n' Roll Tour, Strictly Come Dancing and Jury's Irish Cabaret. She also worked on the Ella Enchanted movie starring Anne Hathaway and more recently appeared on The Late Late Show with Michael English.

Leah is really looking forward to working with The June Rodgers Show this year.

David Whelan

David's love of theatre began aged 12 when he took the lead role in Oliver at The Pavilion Theatre, Dun-Laoghaire. That same year, he joined the Billie Barry Stage School and has appeared in numerous productions including The Hallelujah Concerts at The Liberty Hall and more recently Somewhere Under the Rainbow at The Gaiety Theatre.



David is studying music with Kathryn Smith at the Leinster School of Music and hopes to go to England to further his training in musical theatre.

David is delighted to be back on stage with June for this years' show!

Ruth Devine

Currently a student at the College of Dance in Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Ruth began her dancing career at the tender age of 4. A student of The Billie Barry Stage School, Ruth is trained in both ballet and tap. She has appeared in All I Want to do is Dance, Cinderella Gaiety pantomime at The Gaiety Theatre, Musicala at The Liberty Hall Theatre and at the recent opening of the 8th Annual Irish Film and Television Awards at The Convention Centre Dublin. Ruth has also performed as a backing singer on Enya's Christmas Special.



This is Ruth's first appearance with The June Rodgers Show and she is thoroughly looking forward to becoming a part of the cast.

Kellie Anne Purtill

An Irish dancing champion, Kellie hold the titles of Leinster Champion, Great Britain Champion and All England Champion to name but a few! In addition, last year Kellie Anne took the title of All Ireland and International Irish Dance Champion. Having graduated from the College of Dance Monkstown, she is currently attending the Billie Barry Stage School. Kellie Anne has been involved in numerous theatre productions in The Gaiety Theatre.



She has also performed in the Cinderella pantomime production with Jedward at The Olympia Theatre. Earlier this year, Kellie Anne performed at this the 8th Annual Irish Film and Television Awards at the Convention Centre Dublin.

This is Kellie Anne's first appearance with The June Rodgers show.



Patricia Mooney – Costume Designer

Patricia has been involved in costuming for over 20 years. She has been involved in many previous productions including Oliver at The Cork Opera House and Dublin's Helix, Chess at The National Concert Hall, 42nd Street and Fiddler on the Roof at The Gaiety Theatre, The Wedding Singer at The Civic Theatre, Hamlet at The Tivoli Theatre and Johnny Foxes Cabaret to name but a few.

This is Trish's fourth year with The June Rodgers Show and she is delighted to be back.



Jennie Readman - Wig, Hair and Make-Up Design

Originally trained at The London University of Art where she studied the HND Specialist Make-Up Course for film, television and theatre, Jennie has more than 20 years experience in all aspects of wigs, hair and make-up.

She has worked at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden as well as on numerous productions both in Ireland and abroad; designing, making and dressing a huge variety of wigs and hair styles for both contemporary and period productions. Jennie worked on all 4 seasons of the award winning television drama The Tudors and last year the period drama Camelot.

Jennie enjoys an exciting working relationship with June, bringing together their creative ideas to achieve the many wonderful characters you will see throughout the show.



Terry Heron - Sound Designer

Terry has been working in the Sound business for the past twenty five years. He has worked at home in Ireland and toured extensively in the U.S.A. and Europe with a variety of artists including June Rodgers, Tony Kenny, Rebecca Storm, The Three Irish Tenors, Brendan Grace, Twink, Tommy Fleming, Linda Martin, Maureen Potter to name but a few!

He is delighted to be associated with this production of The June Rodgers Show at The Red Cow Moran Hotel.

Nigel Lombard – Lighting and Design

Nigel has worked with The June Rodgers Show for the last 3 years as a lighting designer.

His previous work includes the Theatreworx Christmas pantomime in The Helix, the Cheerios pantomime in The Tivoli Theatre and with numerous musical societies throughout Ireland. In the past he has worked with such artists as Emmanuelle Lawlor, the Dublin Gospel Choir, voices of Riverdance; Anuna and Christy Moore.

Nigel has just finished his 5th season on board the Oscar Wilde with the Wilde Nights cabaret show and he is delighted to be back once again working with the Red Cow Moran Hotel Team.

Paul Cantwell – Percussionist

Paul honed his skills as a musician while working in Walton's music shop where he worked with some of the top musicians in Dublin. He became a full time professional musician in 1990 after leaving Walton's to tour Europe. Paul has also worked in theatre, radio and television.

Paul is delighted to be working alongside June and her cast in this years' production.

Olga Tighe – Stage Manager

Over the past 20 years, Olga has worked on numerous shows in the capacity of stage manager and stage designer, from productions of Wizard of Oz to Pirates of Penzance and Cinderella.

Currently Olga is working on a number of projects including being the set designer and painter for The Inchicore Variety Group, The Baldoyle Musical Society Pantomime & Spring Shows and the set designer & stage manager for the award winning Phoenix Variety Group.

Olga very much looks forward to working alongside June and her cast in this year's production.





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