UP & Running

A COMEDY BY

DEREK BENFIELD

DIRECTED BY

TERRY FRAWLEY



20th-29th November

Act 1 Theatre

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Synopsis

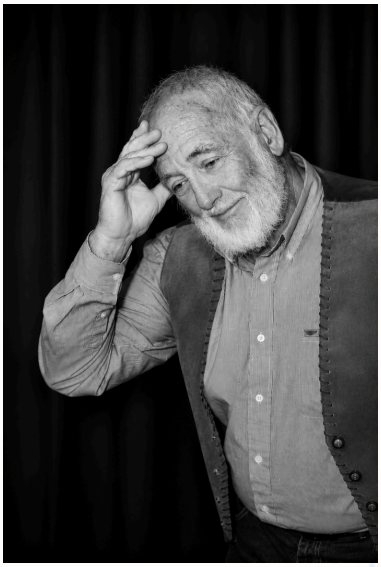
Patrick Sumner is a successful television talk-show host with a reputation to protect and a new producer to impress. A simple evening of drinks at his London flat should be the perfect opportunity to secure his future. But when an unexpected visitor arrives, Patrick's carefully laid plans begin to fall spectacularly apart.

What follows is a hilarious tangle of mistaken identities, outrageous misunderstandings and increasingly desperate attempts to keep up appearances.

Packed with quick-witted dialogue, unexpected twists and classic British humour, Up & Running is a fast-paced comedy where nothing goes quite to plan, and every attempt to put things right only makes matters worse!

A little chaos, a lot of laughs!

A Message From The Director



There's nothing quite like a good old-fashioned British farce! The quick wit, mistaken identities and perfectly timed chaos make this style of comedy an absolute joy to direct, and Derek Benfield's Up & Running is no exception.

During a recent interview with John and Suzy on 97.5 FM, I was reminded of our production of Business Affairs many years ago, bringing back fond memories of the fun these wonderful comedies provide.

My sincere thanks go to our talented cast and crew, who have worked incredibly hard to bring this production together in a very limited preparation period. Special thanks to Andrew and Alan for their fantastic work with the imagery and projections, and to everyone behind the scenes whose dedication makes community theatre possible.

Finally, thank you to our audiences for supporting Act 1 Theatre.

Now, sit back, relax and enjoy the mayhem!

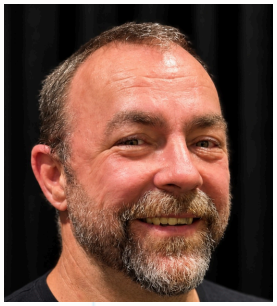
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Cast



Daniel Baker As Patrick Sumner

Daniel Baker returns to Act 1 Theatre with a wealth of experience and a love of community theatre. His stage credits include Murder on the Nile, Rumours, The Birthday Party, Summer of the Seventeenth Doll and The Opposite Sex. Offstage, Daniel is equally at home building sets, choreographing stage combat and making weapons. He has even learned Morris dancing, a skill he hopes never to demonstrate again! Grateful to the cast, crew and volunteers who bring productions to life, Daniel looks forward to sharing the laughter and chaos of Up & Running



Tracey Simpson As Jenny

Tracey Simpson loves entertaining audiences, whether she is performing in Tomb Productions, appearing in one-act plays or belting out a few Beatles classics. Her enthusiasm for the stage and flair for entertaining have taken her through a variety of performances, each offering something new to enjoy. Now Tracey brings her energy, charm and sense of fun to Act 1 Theatre's Up & Running. With comic confusion and plenty of mischief on the menu, she is excited to be part of this wonderfully talented cast and to share the laughs with audiences again.



John Scandurra As Reg Godfrey

John Scandurra is a familiar face on Brisbane's community theatre stages, with a range of comedy, drama and musical credits. His past productions include Billy Liar, Farmer Will Swap Combine Harvester for Wife, The Pirates Musical, Sleuth, Relatively Speaking, Panic in Pipton, Mother & Son and Highland Fling. John enjoys the challenge of bringing different characters to life and has a flair for making audiences laugh. He is delighted to return to Act 1 Theatre and looks forward to serving up another generous helping of mischief and mayhem in Up & Running.



Adele Fisk As Kate Sumner

Adele Fisk is delighted to return to the Act 1 Theatre stage as her journey in community theatre continues. She made her acting debut earlier this year in the one-act play An Awkward Affair and quickly discovered a love of performing. Adele is just as enthusiastic about the work that happens behind the scenes, having supported several productions, including working as a dresser for Picnic at Hanging Rock. With a growing appreciation for every aspect of theatre, she is excited to embrace another opportunity and join the cast of Up & Running.



Renee Thomas As virginia

Renee Thomas is delighted to return to the Act 1 Theatre stage in Up & Running. Originally from North Queensland, Renee has a passion for theatre and storytelling. Audiences may recognise her from Big Ol Bruce and, more recently, Picnic at Hanging Rock, where she played Harriet alongside several other characters in the Australian classic. Renee relishes the challenge of each new production and the chance to grow as a performer. She is thrilled to be working once again with the talented people who make Act 1 such a welcoming theatre community.



Ramesh Maheswaren As Trevor

Ramesh Maheswaren has tried his hand at everything from cooking and accounting to rhythm guitar, singing and auditing. Ramesh is rediscovering his love of theatre, appearing in Tiptoe Through the Tombstones, Mother & Son and Panic in Pipton. Ramesh describes himself as a 'professional dabbler', but his enthusiasm for performing suggests that theatre may be one pursuit that is here to stay. He is delighted to return to the Act 1 stage, bringing his many varied experiences, infectious enthusiasm and sense of humour to Up & Running.





Behind The Curtain









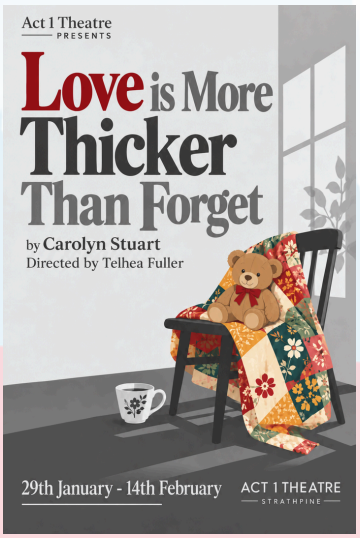

Crew & Creatives

Productions Manager- Deb Hossack
Stage Manager- Deb Hossack
Sound & Lighting- Andrew Munslow
Sound Design- Mark Whitmore
video Sequence Design- Alan Chorlton
Set Production- Royce & Yazz Leiversley
Rehearsal Prompt- Jo Barry

A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Front of House team, bar volunteers, raffle organisers and the Act 1 Theatre Committee.
Every one of these dedicated individuals generously gives their time and energy to keep our theatre running and our audiences smiling.
Community theatre is built on the passion and commitment of volunteers,
You are the heart of Act 1 Theatre, and we are truly grateful for everything you do!

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