

Media Release

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Giant Rabbit coming to Newcastle stage this November

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Elwood is an agreeable man with a liking for the bottle and an invisible rabbit named Harvey as a best friend.

This is not helping his sister Veta find a respectable husband for her daughter, Myrtle Mae.

But maybe a stay in Chumley's Rest Home will cure Elwood and help Myrtle Mae's chances?

Harvey is directed by the CONDA nominated team of Leanne Mueller and Lyn Singer with a cast of Newcastle's finest actors.

"Good comedies are always timeless and no matter how many times we have read **Harvey** it never fails to make us laugh," said Leanne, "but at its heart, it is about acceptance and tolerance, as important a message today as it was in 1945."

The production is suitable for all ages and tickets are on sale now and selling fast. They can be purchased via the NTC's web page or at the box office.

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"We have been besties since 1980 and have been operating with half a brain each since and always seem to know what the other is thinking," says Leanne.

"We had one disagreement on how the show should be directed, I said *blah blah blah* and Leanne said *I don't agree* and then I said *OK*. It was a shocking artistic clash!" joked Lyn.

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CAST

Elwood P. Dowd	Carl Gregory
Veta Louise Simmons	Katy Carruthers
William R Chumley MD	David Gubbay
Myrtle Mae Simmons	Nicolette Black
Ruth Kelly RN	Madeline Baillie
Lyman Sanderson MD	Lee Mayne
Duane Wilson	Anthony Morris
Betty Chumley	Fran Hodgson
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet	Suellen Hall
Judge Omar Gaffney	Michael Smythe
E J Logan	David Murray

Production Team

Co-Directors	Leanne Mueller and Lyn Singer
Production Manager	David Murray
Costumes	Fran Hodgson
Stage Manager	Lyn Singer
Set and lighting design	Kulture Shop
Lighting operator	Maxine Mueller
Sound operator	Baden Ellis