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Rogers Little Theater

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**COMEDY 'IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY' OPENS JUNE 4 AT RLT  
Laughter Name Of Game In Main Stage Show Lasting Two Weekends**

ROGERS, Ark. — When it comes to pace, Rogers Little Theater will have you running with laughter in the upcoming production of Ray Cooney's *"It Runs in the Family,"* opening June 4 at the RLT Victory Theater in historic downtown Rogers.

Dinner or lunch theater performances for this show are June 4-6, 10-13, with balcony seating available all showings. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sundays. For tickets or more information, contact the RLT Box Office, 116 S. Second St., at 631-8988 or go to [www.rogerslittletheater.org](http://www.rogerslittletheater.org) and make an online reservation.

Set in a London hospital three days before Christmas, *It Runs in the Family* contains the usual assortment of farcical nuts -- running in and out of doors, mistaking everybody for someone else.

"It's going to be a flat-out funny show," said Charles Riedmueller, director of *It Runs in the Family* by Britain's master farceur, Ray Cooney (*Run for Your Wife* and *Caught in the Net*). "There will be moments when we have to hold for the laughter -- those times when it is so absurd the cast will be left frozen on stage before they can say another line."

Dr. Mortimore (played by John Mixon) on the day of a big, big presentation discovers that he has a son with another woman, and his desperate attempts to hide this inconvenient fact descend into farce. Dr. Mortimore tries to fend off a paternity suit from his ex lover, a punkish son, his wife and various other lunatics. He struggles to deliver, at long last, the Ponsonby Lecture in an international conference of his peers.

At other times, there will be no pauses for breath because of the fast-paced nature of this show, said Riedmueller, who's familiar with Cooney's style as he, himself, performed in the RLT production of *Caught in the Net* in 2007.

"There will be a lot of ridiculous moments, unexpected comedy and outrageous costumes."

*It Runs in the Family* is set to be a 2-hour showing with intermission. Dinner theater tickets are available for \$42 a ticket. For dinner theater, the house opens an hour and a half before show time. Balcony seating tickets are \$17 for adults or \$9.50 for students.

**Cast of Characters:**

Dr. David Mortimore	John Mixon
Dr. Mike Connolly	Adam Powell
Dr. Hubert Bonney	Russell Pennington
Head Nurse Sandra Clarke	Amy Eversole
Dr. Willowby Drake	Earl J. Allen
Jane Tate	Lenora Sotlar
Rosemary Mortimore	Mary Eileen Ameigh
Leslie	Luke Heffron
Sister Henderson	Connie Lovett
Police Sergeant	Mike Begneaud
Bill	Jim Brennan
Mother	Kaye Cotton

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