

Cairney as Burns

See Robert Burns come to life January 29

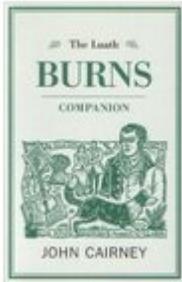
A very special Burns Night is planned for next January 29th. We will be treated to the renowned Scottish actor, portraying his alter ego, Robert Burns. Here's what you can expect:

The Robert Burns Story

The format is simple. The actor, as Burns, opens by announcing to his audience --'I have taken a whim to give you a history of myself.'

He then proceeds, for the next hour to do just that, using, as far as possible, Burns's own words - engagingly, often movingly and with lots of humor.

The audience cannot help but be involved in his story because it is also theirs. They get a chance to sing the famous songs, 'Holy Willie's Pray' has them squirming and the recital of 'Tam O'Shanter' is a whole show in itself.

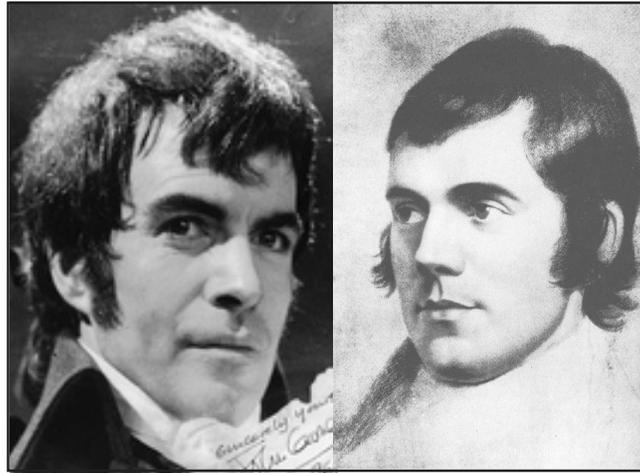
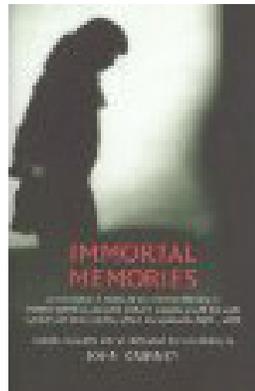


It ends elegiacally with 'Auld Lang Syne.' A fitting end to the tragic but uplifting story of Robert Burns, Poet.

A Burns Experience - Solo Show

John Cairney has also adapted and performed this script as a One-Man-Burns Supper under the title 'A Burns Experience'. Actor, raconteur, writer and Burns scholar: John Cairney uses all these colors to paint a unique portrait of the complex Scot that was Robert Burns.

The show has everything a night in the theatre calls for - fun and laughter, moments of thought, high passion, all joined by Burns' humanity.



Who's who? L: Cairney dressed as Burns; R: The real Burns

As an actor, Cairney brings his work alive in a performance, which covers all the emotions, from joy to despair following the trail of Robert Burns from plough-boy to national bard.

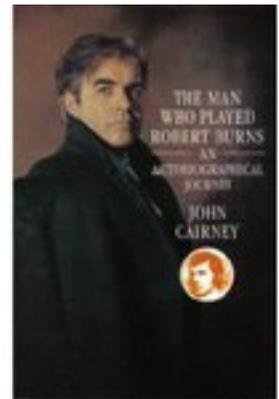
As a raconteur, Cairney can draw on his experience playing Burns throughout the world to entertain the audience with anecdotes from these shows.

He also uses material from his books to comment on the historical Burns from his own society and on his impact today.

Cairney's style is intimate and relaxed, making the audience feel part of the show. The mood and atmosphere can change in a moment from unreserved laughter to heartbreak and back again. All this combines to give an audience, in the course of an hour, a varied and rich Burns experience.

Who is John Cairney ?

More about remarkable John Cairney in the next issue of *The Caledonian*. Such as how In 1986, with his own company, Shanter Productions, he presented the first full-length, modern Burns Musical, 'Scot Free' (music by Geoff Davidson and book and lyrics by Cairney).



Not only is John Cairney a prolific actor, he is also a writer. Included among his books are—Above left: "Luath Burns Companion"; To the left: "Immortal Memories". Above right: "The Man Who Played Robert Burns". They are available on Amazon.com.