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Audition Notice**

Tom Byrne's

Mothers of the criminal Element

directed by **TOM BYRNE**

Saturday, 25 July 2009 at 14:00

at the **Madhouse** (aka False Bay Rendezvous),

57 Promenade Road, Lakeside

Dates of the run: 09 to 17 October 2009 at the Masque Theatre, Muizenberg

Synopsis

The play takes place in the kitchen of Lilly Delorio in Leavenworth, Kansas, USA, one very hot afternoon and evening in 1973. Louie Delorio (Lilly's son) is in prison for bigamy, eleven or twelve counts of bigamy, depending on whether you count the Gravecci twins as one or two. Louie is on a work-release programme, decorating wedding cakes for the Sitting Bull Bakery when he realises he is decorating a cake for one of his ex-wives. This is too much for him, so he runs away. Where does a son run to when escaping from prison? His mom's house of course. Unfortunately, the shock of his surprise appearance kills Lilly. While Louie is trying to get her into the chest freezer, so she won't spoil, Lilly's friend Rose calls to remind her that the "girls" are coming to her place tonight to play Scrabble. To cover his escape, Louie must pretend to be his mother for the evening. Things go down-hill from there.

The cast calls for **four men** and **four women**, whose ages range from **twenties to seventies**. Readings will be taken from the script, so those who audition need not prepare an audition piece. The director wishes to note that although American accents are necessary, actors and actresses will not be expected to audition with an accent. At least one man must be comfortable wearing a dress, but not too comfortable.

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