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CELEBRATING PETER BOYLE

An Evening of Comedy with Family and Friends



Lorraine Boyle (center), with daughters Lucy and Amy Boyle, thanks event performers Patricia Heaton, Richard Lewis, Fred Willard, Doris Roberts, Martin Short, and Ray Romano

The IMF held its annual Gala event on November 10, 2007. This year's event was

truly amazing and quite a break from past events – it was *Celebrating Peter Boyle – An Evening of Comedy with Family & Friends*.

The idea for this event was born a year ago, shortly after Peter Boyle passed away. Dr. Brian G.M. Durie

was Peter's doctor and saw him when he would come to L.A. from New York for the shooting of *Everybody Loves Raymond*, or on other movie business. He saw him "under the radar," as Peter didn't want anyone to know that he had been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. In time, Dr. Durie and I became friends with Peter and his wife, Loraine.

Lorraine and I spoke on occasion about Peter and Loraine becoming involved with the IMF; she was

hesitant because they wanted to keep Peter's struggle with myeloma a private matter.



Peter Boyle's wife, Loraine (center), with daughters Lucy and Amy Boyle

After Peter lost his four-year battle with myeloma, his family agreed that a fitting memorial would be to raise funds in support of research into the disease, as well as to raise myeloma awareness. Thus began the year-long road that culminated with a spectacular "Celebration."

Lorraine reached out to Peter's friends and fellow cast mates from *Everybody Loves Raymond*.

Her first call was to Ray Romano, who would headline and host the show. She kept calling, and they all said yes – Patricia Heaton, Doris Roberts, and Fred Willard. Brad Garrett was already committed to be out of town; however he pledged to support the event.



IMF Chairman Dr. Brian Durie and President Susie Novis

Special Event

The all-star comedy line-up took shape including several of Peter's other good friends: Jeff Garlin, Richard Lewis, and Martin Short.

Stu Smiley, Robert Morton, and Ken Shapiro all said yes when the call came from Loraine as to who would help produce and direct the show. She put together an Honorary Committee that reads like "Who's Who in Hollywood!"



Actor Ray Romano hosted the show, keeping the audience laughing between the acts and sharing poignant memories of Peter Boyle from their years together on *Everybody Loves Raymond*

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Comedian Richard Lewis made the audience laugh with his unique view of the world



Actor and comedian Jeff Garlin cracked up the audience with his humorous take on everyday life



Fred Willard performed a campy musical number "Artificial Flowers."

Bringing an event like this to fruition took months of hard work, commitment, and dedication from so many people. It began with Loraine and the outstanding team at the IMF – spearheaded by Heather Cooper Ortner, Spencer Howard, Randi Liberman, and Jim Needham – and included every staff member, family, and friends. The entire cast and crew donated their time and talent.

On Saturday, November 10, 2007, the doors opened, and the show began complete with red carpet arrivals and the media on hand.

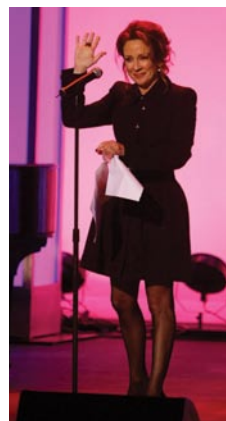
On the carpet were Loraine and her daughters, Lucy and Amy. Along with the cast for the show were media mogul Mike Medavoy, actors Billy Baldwin, Michael Keaton, Alfre Woodard, Joe Walsh, John Glover, Peter Gallagher, Teri Garr, and Thomas Ian Nicholas. Dr. Durie and Susie Novis also walked the press line. CNBC News, Access Hollywood, TV Guide Channel, New2Air, WireImage, and the Hollywood Reporter covered the event, which was crucial because raising awareness about myeloma is as important as raising money.



Mike Medavoy, President and CEO of Phoenix Pictures, served as honorary co-chair for the event and provided the opening remarks for the show



Renowned actor and comedian Martin Short brought the house down with his hysterical song "Autumn Makes Me Want to Cheat on My Wife."



Patricia Heaton shared her personal memories of Peter Boyle

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A cocktail hour began the evenings' festivities, and with The Wilshire Ebell's beautiful sprawling setting, more than 500 guests floated from room to room, chatting with one another, enjoying a drink, and delicious hors d'oeuvres.



Ray Romano and Loraine Boyle at the post-show VIP Champagne and Dessert Reception

With the show about to begin, guests made their way into the theatre where they were joined by another 600 people who were there just for the show.

Mike Medavoy, chairman and CEO of Phoenix Pictures opened the show. He introduced a short video about the IMF, which highlighted the foundation's areas of focus and featured

patients' experiences in dealing with myeloma. Dr. Durie and I then came on stage, greeted the guests and spoke about the IMF and myeloma. Dr. Durie talked about the Bank On A Cure[®] DNA initiative, current research, and possible links to what may cause other cancers. Our message was one of collaboration, the importance of working together to end myeloma, and how advances made in myeloma can help other diseases too.



(l to r) Loraine Boyle, Fred Willard, actor Michael Keaton and Peter Boyle's sister, Alice Duffy, at the post-show VIP reception

In memory of Peter Boyle, a wonderful retrospective film montage that featured highlights from his extensive body of work was shown. It was funny, poignant, moving, and reminded people of what an incredibly talented and versatile actor Peter was.

A huge applause followed the film and Ray Romano, host of the show took the stage; the audience spent the next hour and a half in raucous laughter. Jeff Garland and Richard Lewis also performed outrageous, bawdy, and hysterically funny comedy routines. Fred Willard performed a



Doris Roberts reminisced about Peter Boyle and then shared a moment on stage with Ray Romano

campy and fun musical number, "Artificial Flowers," accompanied by noted pianist Jeff Babko, Paul Wilson on violin, and five talented backup singers. Patricia Heaton and Doris Roberts both shared funny and touching memories of working

with Peter; it is clear they miss him deeply. Brad Garrett, who couldn't be there in person as he was out of town on location, was there virtually, and he too expressed his deep affection for Peter. The finale of the show was Martin Short being Martin Short; his act culminating in a hysterical musical number called "Autumn Makes Me Want to Cheat on My Wife," which brought the house down.

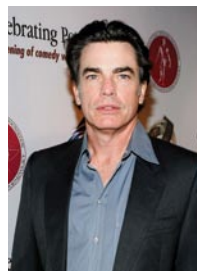
The stars from the show joined the guests for an after-show champagne and dessert party; they were very gracious and open to having their pictures taken with the fans. People once again enjoyed the surroundings and each other's company while they chatted about the show, sipped champagne, and nibbled on the delicious desserts as the evening came to a close.

The IMF raised \$650,000 to support the Peter Boyle Memorial Fund, and we're forever grateful to Loraine, Lucy and Amy Boyle, and their family and friends for making the event possible and a huge success!

We hope you will join us for next year's event! We'll let you know the date soon! **MT**



Guests enjoy champagne and dessert at the post-show VIP reception at the historic Wilshire Ebell



Other celebrity guests in attendance: (l to r) John Glover, William Baldwin, Joe Walsh, Alfre Woodard, Peter Gallagher, Kimberly Alexander, Thomas Ian Nicholas