

It's a Dad Thing: The Musical

FATHER'S Day comes early this year with this hilarious show from SINGular productions. It should be called Men, Applause - The Musical or Men Behaving Dadly, and is the most uproariously funny, enjoyable look at the real life of fathers you will get to see.

David Lampard, director and designer, has brought out the highs and lows of parenthood with compassion, insight and some ridiculously funny sketches, like the antenatal class with pelvic floor exercises thrown in.

Nicholas Cannon, Adam Goodburn, Kent Green, Rodney Hutton and PJ Oaten play dads and mums, children and nurses with brilliant timing and energy, while constructing a playground for their kids.

Local cabaret czar Matthew Carey has added the songs which are performed with conviction. Nicolas Cannon's reminiscence of accidental impregnation and especially Kent Green's vasectomy song stand out but it's a number about how you fail your own father's expectations that will cut to the heart of many men.

Opera Studio, until February 19

- Ewart Shaw