

**Streatham Theatre Company stages RUN FOR YOUR WIFE,
Britain's longest-running comedy, in presence of
author Ray Cooney**

Streatham Theatre Company (STC), the open-access community theatre group formed in 2013 by a group of locals, is staging its latest production, RUN FOR YOUR WIFE, on July 8, 9 & 10 at Streatham Tate Library.

The play, written in 1983 by legendary farceur Ray Cooney OBE, looks at one turbulent and hilarious day in the life of London cab driver John Smith, who has two wives, two lives and a very precise schedule for juggling them both.

Run For Your Wife played for nine years in the West End, making it Britain's longest-running comedy. Cooney, who is 83, will attend the show on Friday 8 July along with his wife Linda and friends including comedy actress Jean Fergusson, Marina from 'Last of the Summer Wine'.

"I'm so looking forward to seeing Streatham Theatre Company's production of Run For Your Wife", says Cooney. "Actually, the Japanese production is also playing that week, but Streatham's easier to get to!"

The play is partly set in Streatham, yet has never been staged in the area. STC's chairman and the play's director, David Harvey, says "This is a challenging show to produce, but we love a challenge. Our aim is to make Ray Cooney laugh!"

"I'm delighted that Run For Your Wife is being performed in Streatham because I spent so much of my childhood there", Cooney adds. "My Auntie Rosie, Auntie Phyllis and Auntie Ivy all lived in Streatham and I saw them once a week. I lived in Clapham with my mum and dad and we'd take the dog for a walk on Streatham Common. I was never out of Streatham - I love it."

Tickets for Run For Your Wife are available online at:
www.streathamtheatre.org.uk/wife and cost £10 (£8 concs).

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