

# HEART SWAP DAD'S JOY



**ROUTINE** Ryan Tubridy

## Bosses toy with ban on Tubs dance

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RTE is to ban Ryan Tubridy from dancing on the Late Late Toy Show – because he's too bad at busting moves.

The TV star was hoping to wow audiences by starting the festive extravaganza with a Singing In The Rain routine.

But Tubs, 40, admitted producers are getting ready to scrap the segment due to his two left feet.

He said: "I'm not a dance fan, it's not something I can excel at."

But while the 2fm presenter may not show off his dance moves, viewers will see one old favourite.

Tubs said: "I've got the jumper sorted anyway, and that's good. It's festive and not a pretty sight, but it's there."

"It's shaping up to be my favourite Toy Show."



**ORDEAL** Anjelica Huston

## Anjelica cut wrists after love bust-up

BY **GARRETH MacNAMEE**

ANJELICA Huston has revealed she slashed her wrists in a hotel after falling out with a former partner.

The US actress described how she harmed herself after spending days arguing with photographer Bob Richardson.

In the first instalment of her two-part memoirs, *The Addams Family* star speaks of her troubled romance with the much-older lover.

Huston began dating the snapper when she was 18 and he was 42.

Richardson had mental health issues and during one four-day depression Huston cut her wrists at the Chelsea Hotel in New York.

In *A Story Lately Told: Coming of Age in Ireland, London and New York*, she writes: "I ran into the bedroom, blood spurting, crying to him: 'Will this make you love me?'"



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## Shane to get home at last after life-saving transplant

**ON THE MEND**  
Shane O'Connell with wife Tricia

BY **EAMON DONOGHUE**

### A DELIGHTED dad is coming home for Christmas after a life-saving heart transplant, it was revealed yesterday.

Shane O'Connell will be back in Kerry with his wife and three children after a year of treatment in the Mater Hospital.

Speaking from his intensive care bed, the 33-year-old said: "I am feeling really happy and doing great."

"My donor's family is in my thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time in their lives and I

am really grateful for the gift of life I have received."

Shane's wife Tricia is ecstatic he will be back after a hard year.

She said: "It will be just brilliant to have him home and to know he is home for good."

"Shane's mother is overjoyed and all the extended family and we have received good wishes from friends and neighbours."

"Organ donation is such a wonderful gift to give at such a horrible time but it makes a difference to the lives of others. It really is the gift of life."

Shane was diagnosed with

dilated cardiomyopathy when he was 11 and had his transplant last week.

He had been an in-patient at the Mater since last December.

Tricia said Shane's long wait for the surgery was like "living in limbo".

Speaking to Radio Kerry, the mum thanked all the medical staff involved in

the operation and said Shane's recovery is "going really well".

She added: "There's an amazing and fantastic team of surgeons, doctors and transplant co-ordinators at the Mater Hospital."

"There was an amazing atmosphere at the hospital."

"After Shane's transplant and everyone including the hospital porter was delighted for

him." Tricia made an appeal for organ donors last month and said her husband's experiences have made her case stronger.

There are still 650 people in Ireland awaiting transplant operations like Shane's.

Tricia added: "There are still so many people still waiting for transplants."

"Changing the law on consent is one thing but no good if you don't put in infrastructure."

"The more people they get off waiting lists the less it's going to cost the HSE and everyone else."

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TRICIA O'CONNELL ON TRANSPLANTS YESTERDAY



**SCREENING** Michael Darragh MacAuley tested at Tallaght Hospital

## GAA star's TV bid to stop deaths

BY **DAVID COLEMAN**  
GAA star Michael Darragh MacAuley yesterday received the results of a heart test live on television.

The Dublin flier was given them on TV3's Ireland AM after a full evaluation of his cardiac health at the CRY Centre in Tallaght Hospital.

Following the untimely deaths of GAA players Cormac McAnallen and

Ciaran Carr to Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, MacAuley agreed to be "a guinea pig" to show the public how the screening is carried out.

And speaking after the examination, he said: "I suppose it really kind of shook the GAA community."

"I suppose Cormac McAnallen was probably one of the first ones that

really brought it into the spotlight. There's been far too many since."

"There's been Ciaran Carr, a young fella out in Round Towers, and there's been plenty of examples even just recently."

"And if there is any kind of testing we can do to try and screen out some of these difficulties, let's just get it done."