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ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS ANNOUNCES 93RD SEASON

New season features **Picnic**, **Gypsy**, **Pride and Prejudice - The Musical**,
Native Gardens, and a new original play, **Reservations**

ROSS, CA (August 22, 2022) – Ross Valley Players (RVP) announced today the five productions that will comprise its 2022/2023 Season, including two musicals and a new original play. This marks the company's 93rd Season since its founding in 1930. The season begins September 9, 2022.

The 2022/2023 season begins with "Picnic" by Pulitzer Prize winner William Inge. In November and December, RVP presents a Mountain Play production of "Gypsy" by Broadway legends Jule Styne, Stephen Sondheim, and Arthur Laurents. We'll celebrate the new year with "Reservations," a new original play by Joe Barison. The spring will kick-off with "Pride & Prejudice - The Musical" by Emmy Award winner Rita Abrams with adaptation by Josie Brown. The season finale will be "Native Gardens," a hilarious, hot-button comedy by Karen Zacarias.

"This season encompasses everything that RVP does best - classic American plays, musicals in an intimate space, new plays and comedies," says executive producer Steve Price. "With the high quality of our work and \$30 or less ticket prices, RVP is one of the best entertainment values and experiences in the Bay Area."

PICNIC

By William Inge
Directed by Adrian Elfenbaum
September 9 – October 9, 2022
Press Weekend: September 9-11, 2022

Set during Labor Day in a small Kansas town, "Picnic" details the lives of ordinary Americans, from hopeful widows and embittered spinsters to idealistic teenagers and restless wanderers. The play was first performed on Broadway in 1953, featuring Paul Newman and was adapted into a motion picture in 1955 starring William Holden and Kim Novak.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, September 9, 2022, which may be exchanged for September 10 or September 11. Email boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com to exchange tickets.

GYPSY

Music by Jule Styne, Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, Book by Arthur Laurents
Directed by Zoe Swenson-Graham
November 10 – December 18, 2022
Press Weekend: November 10-12

The mother of all musicals! The jewel of Broadway's Golden Age, Gypsy boasts an incomparable score, a brilliantly conceived book, and one of the greatest leading roles ever to grace the Broadway stage.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, November 10, 2022, which may be exchanged for November 11 or November 12. Email boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com to exchange tickets.

RESERVATIONS

By Joe Barison

January 27 – February 12, 2023

Press Weekend: January 27-29, 2022

RVP is please to present a new original play by Joe Barison. A New York City hotel has mistakenly reserved the same room for two complete strangers. With no vacancies in town, the two travelers agree to share the room for the night. As they start to get to know each other, other people in their lives surprisingly arrive at the hotel. Add in other characters with their own agendas, it's hard to keep track of who's checking in and who's checking out!

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, January 27, 2023, which may be exchanged for January 28 or January 29. Email boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com to exchange tickets.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE – THE MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by Rita Abrams, Libretto by Josie Brown

Directed by Phoebe Moyer

March 17 – April 16, 2023

Press Weekend: March 17 – 19, 2023

Home life for the five Bennet daughters is punctuated by visits from military officers, card parties, and the occasional ball - pastimes guaranteed to throw them into the path of potential husbands, much to the delight of the garrulous Mrs Bennet and the horror of her quietly despairing husband. Adapted from the much beloved novel by Jane Austen.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, March 17, 2023, which may be exchanged for March 18 or March 19. Email boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com to exchange tickets.

NATIVE GARDENS

By Karen Zacarias

Directed by Mary Ann Rodgers

May 12 – June 11, 2023

Press Weekend: May 12-14, 2023

Gardens and cultures clash, turning friendly neighbors into feuding enemies in this hilarious comedy of good intentions and bad manners.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, May 12, 2023, which may be exchanged for May 13 or May 14. Email boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com to exchange tickets.

BARN THEATRE

All performances occur at the Barn Theatre on the campus of the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., in Ross. Parking is found in the Center's main parking lot.

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

Founded in 1930, Ross Valley Players is one of the longest running community theaters around. RVP is proud of our many awards and nominations. Among others, our productions have been nominated by Dean Goodman, the Bay Area Theater Critics Circle (BATCC), and Theatre Bay Area (TBA) Awards. RVP is also proud to be the resident theater company at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Visit our website at www.rossvalleyplayers.org for more information.

TICKET INFORMATION

Season subscriptions are available at www.rossvalleyplayers.com. Subscriptions are \$126 for all five productions - a 20% savings. Single tickets are available for "Picnic". Previews are \$15. Tickets to all other performances are \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth 18 and younger. RVP members receive a \$4 discount. Group rates available for groups of 12 or more. Additional booking fees apply for subscriptions and other ticket purchases. Thursday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Contact the box office at boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com for more information.