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## ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS “RESERVATIONS” A NEW PLAY BY JOE BARISON

PRODUCTION RUNS THREE WEEKS JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12

ROSS, CA (January 6, 2023) – Continuing its mission to promote Bay Area playwrights, Ross Valley Players (RVP) presents “Reservations,” a new work by Joe Barison. The show opens January 27 and runs through February 12 at the Barn Theatre. A preview performance takes place on January 26.

A New York City hotel has mistakenly reserved the same room for two complete strangers. With no vacancies in town, the 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 and it’s hard to keep track of who’s checking in and who’s checking out!

Barison says, “This is a play for the dreamers who will not give up. It’s for everyone who was told that their dream would never come true, who was told to grow up, to be realistic, or to stop living in a fantasy world.”

Barison’s play was chosen from over 40 entries in RVP’s annual original works program designed to promote Bay Area playwrights. “Reservations” is one of Barison’s two stage plays, the other being “Professional Help”, which was produced in Santa Monica.

Michael R. Cohen directs the cast that includes Kara Poon, Evan Held, Alan Segal, Tina Traboulsi, Michael-Paul Thomsett, Helen Kim, Maxine Sattizahn, and David Noll. RVP veteran Michael Berg is costume designer. Set design is by Venee Call-Ferrer and lighting design by Michele Samuels. Lyra Smith is stage manager.

Later this year, RVP will present “Pride & Prejudice - The Musical” by Emmy Award winner Rita Abrams with adaptation by Josie Brown. The season finale will be “Native Gardens,” a hilarious comedy by Karen Zacarias.

### **RESERVATIONS**

By Joe Barison

January 27 – February 12, 2023

Press Weekend: January 27-29, 2022

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.org) for more information.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Single tickets are available for "Reservations". Preview tickets are \$15. Tickets to all other performances are \$25 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. Thursday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2:00 p.m. Contact the box office at [boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com) for more information.