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## **ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS “OUR TOWN” BY THORNTON WILDER**

**FOR A FIVE-WEEK RUN  
JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

ROSS, CA (January 5, 2024) – Ross Valley Players is delighted to present “Our Town” by Thornton Wilder, directed by the talented Bay Area director Chloe Bronzan. This heartwarming and thought-provoking production that promises to resonate with audiences of all ages. “Our Town” is set to open on **Friday, January 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.** at the historic Barn Theatre located on the scenic grounds of the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross.

“Our Town” begins May 7, 1901, in the fictional town of Grover’s Corner, New Hampshire. Milk is being delivered. Breakfast is on the stove. We meet the town gossips, the boys who play baseball and the choirmaster with a secret sorrow. And soon, teenagers George Gibbs and Emily Webb will go from friends to puppy love to wedding day and beyond—two families forever joined together.

RVP Executive Producer Steve Price shares his delight for this production, saying, “‘Our Town’ is an important meditation in the hearts of many, and we are thrilled to bring Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece to the stage under the talented direction of Chloe Bronzan. This is a poignant and sometimes difficult exploration of our human experience, and we hope audiences will share our delight in the artistry and warmth of this production.”

The cast includes Lisa Morse (AEA) as the Stage Manager, Jennifer McGeorge (AEA) as Mrs. Webb, Steve Price as Mr. Webb, Tina Traboulsi as Emily Webb, Jaedan Sanchez as George Gibbs, Michael-Paul Thomsett as Dr. Gibbs, Lauri Smith as Mrs. Gibbs, Peter Warden as Simon Stimson, Justin Hernandez as Sam Craig/Howie Newsom, Ann Fairlie as Mrs. Soammes, Alexandra Fry as Rebecca Gibbs/Si Crowell, Dalton Ortiz as Wally Webb/Joe Crowell Jr., and Tom Reilly as Professor Willard/Constable Warren/Mr. Carter. Understudies include Ariana Giacomazzi, Iris Stone, Nick Casimir, and David Noll.

The creative team includes Ron Krempetz (Scenic Design), Michael Berg (Costume Design), Frank Sarubbi (Lighting Design), Bruce Vieira (Sound Design), Dhyanis Carniglia (Property Design), Michael Walraven (Master Builder), Bessie Zolno (Intimacy Choreographer), Jannely Calmell (Stage Manager), and Lissette Chao (Assistant Stage Manager).

Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee called “Our Town”, “The greatest American play ever written.” Wilder (1897-1975) played the Stage Manager for two weeks on Broadway in 1938. He is the only writer to win the prize for both fiction and drama. He received the Pulitzer for his novel “The Bridge of San Luis Rey” (1927) and the plays “Our Town” (1938) and “The Skin of Our Teeth” (1942).

The preview performance is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., offering a sneak peek into the world of “Our Town” before the official opening night. Tickets for the preview performance are priced at \$20, providing an affordable opportunity for theater enthusiasts to get a first look at this exceptional production.

Regular ticket prices for performances after the opening night are \$35 for individuals over 18 and \$20 for those aged 18 and under. Tickets for all performances can be conveniently purchased online at [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com).

Later this season, RVP will present the 2024 New Works production of "The Divine Sarah," by Bay Area playwrights June Richards and Elaine Lang. For more information, please visit [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com) or contact the box office at (415) 456-9555.

### **Our Town by Thornton Wilder**

Directed by Chloe Bronzan

January 26 – February 25, 2024

Press Weekend – January 26-28, 2024

Step into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary, and the mundane transforms into moments of profound meaning. Welcome to *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, a timeless masterpiece that has captured hearts and minds for generations.

Preview: Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Opening Night: Friday, January 26, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, January 26, 2024, which may be exchanged for January 27 or 28. Email [boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com) to exchange tickets.

### **The Divine Sarah by June Richards and Elaine Lang**

Directed by Jay Manley

March 15 – March 31, 2024

Press Weekend – March 15-17, 2024

Introducing *The Divine Sarah*, an inspiring new musical that brings to life a legendary icon of the stage, Sarah Bernhardt.

*The Divine Sarah* was selected from over 40 entries in RVP's New Works festival and makes its premier at the Barn Theatre this season.

Preview: Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Night: Friday, March 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, March 15, 2024, which may be exchanged for March 16 or 17. Email [boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com) to exchange tickets.

### **The Book Club Play by Karen Zacarias**

Directed by Mary Ann Rodgers

May 10 – June 9, 2024

Press Weekend – May 10-12, 2024

Dive into the world of books, friendships, and comical chaos as *The Book Club Play* by Karen Zacarias takes center stage at the Barn Theatre. Ana is a Type A personality who lives in a letter-perfect world with an adoring husband, the perfect job, and her greatest passion: the book club. But when her cherished group becomes the focus of a documentary film, things take a turn for the hilarious.

*The Book Club Play* premiered at the Round House Theatre in Bethesda, Maryland in 2009.

Preview: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening Night: Friday, May 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Press tickets: two press tickets are issued for Friday, May 10, 2024, which may be exchanged for May 11 or 12. 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**

Season subscriptions are available at [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com). Single tickets are \$35, \$30 for The Divine Sarah, and \$20 for previews and ages 18 and under. RVP members receive a \$4 discount. Group rates available for groups of 8 or more. Additional booking fees apply. Masks are recommended by not required. Contact the box office at [boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com) for more information.