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LAUGH-OUT-LOUD COMEDY “THE BOOK CLUB PLAY” COMES TO ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

**FOR A FIVE-WEEK RUN
MAY 10-JUNE 9, 2024**

ROSS, CA (April 15, 2024) – Ross Valley Players is thrilled to announce its upcoming production of "The Book Club Play" by Karen Zacarías, running from May 10 to June 9, 2024. This witty and engaging comedy promises an evening of laughter and camaraderie for audiences 14 and up.

Directed by the talented Mary Ann Rodgers, "The Book Club Play" follows the lives of six individuals whose regular book club meetings take an unexpected turn when a documentary filmmaker decides to capture their discussions on camera. As the characters navigate the complexities of friendship, love, and literature, hilarity ensues, making for a truly memorable theatrical experience.

The creative team behind this production includes set designer Ron Krempetz, scenic painter and property designer Dhyanis, sound designer Billie Cox, lighting designer Ellen Brooks, costume designer Valera Coble, set builder Michael Walraven, intimacy coach Heather Ondersma, stage manager Madge Gahn, and assistant stage manager David Smith. Together, they have worked tirelessly to bring the world of the play to life on stage.

Executive Producer Steve Price expresses his excitement about the upcoming production, stating, "We are delighted to present 'The Book Club Play' to our audiences. This play is a fun exploration of the joys and challenges of friendship, wrapped in humor and heart. It's a perfect fit for Ross Valley Players, and we can't wait to share it with our community."

The talented ensemble cast features Jannely Calmell, Chiyako Nelson, Gabriel Ross, Matthew Travisano, Marsha van Broek, Mark Vashro, and Elena Wright, each bringing their unique talents to the stage. Robert Molossi and Helen Kim are the understudies.

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

The preview performance is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. 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.

The Book Club Play by Karen Zacarías

Directed by Mary Ann Rodgers

May 10 – June 9, 2024

Press Weekend – May 10-12, 2024

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 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. 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 for more information.