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ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS ANNOUNCES EXCITING 2024/2025 SEASON

“STORIES THAT CONNECT US”

ROSS, CA (June 19, 2024) – Ross Valley Players is thrilled to unveil its dynamic 2024/2025 season, packed with a mix of heartwarming tales, enduring classics, and promising new works. From romantic comedies to introspective musicals and historical dramas, this season offers something for every theatergoer. Under the theme "Stories That Connect Us," the season explores relationships, history, and the power of storytelling.

Season Highlights:

September 13 – October 13, 2024: “Crossing Delancey” by Susan Sandler, directed by Adrian Elfenbaum: Dive into the charming world of "Crossing Delancey," a romantic comedy that captures the clash between traditional Jewish culture and modern Manhattan life. Meet the spirited Izzy, who is torn between the modern dating world and her traditional grandmother, Bubbie, along with the well-meaning but intrusive matchmaker, Hannah, who together introduce her to Sam, the humble pickle vendor. This delightful story of unexpected love will kick off our season with humor and heart.

November 15 – December 15, 2024: “Blithe Spirit” by Noel Coward, directed by David Abrams: Prepare for spirited laughter with Noel Coward’s supernatural comedy, "Blithe Spirit." This classic play brings an eccentric medium into the home of a novelist, conjuring up the ghost of his first wife and leading to a series of hilariously otherworldly complications. As the humorous chaos unfolds, the playwright deftly mixes sharp wit with spectral hijinks, creating an enduring favorite that continues to delight audiences with its clever dialogue and unexpected twists.

January 24 – February 23, 2025: “The Spitfire Grill” a musical by James Valcq and Fred Alley, directed by Jay Manley: Warm your spirits this winter with "The Spitfire Grill," a musical that offers a hearty serving of redemption and renewal. This moving tale of a fresh start in a small town will captivate audiences with its poignant story and melodic charm. Featuring a soul-stirring score that fuses folk and Americana, this award-winning musical demonstrates how a single place can become a beacon of hope, bringing a community together and healing old wounds.

March 21 – April 6, 2025: New Works Presents “Pet Lingerie” a musical comedy. Book and lyrics by Fred Rakerand Bruce Tallerman, Music by Bruce Tallerman, directed by Gary Stanford Jr. Selected from over 50 entries in RVP’s New Works festival, “Pet Lingerie” welcomes us to Crowdfunding Success Weekend, led by the suave, tech-crazed Kickstarter King, Gary Panko. Can crowdfunding save your soul? That’s what Gary and his students believe, and with ideas like an orgasm lie detector app and a mechanism that plays Pavarotti when you flush the toilet, how can they fail?

May 9 – June 8, 2025: “The Book of Will” by Lauren Gunderson, directed by Mary Ann Rodgers Close the season with "The Book of Will," a heartfelt tribute to the enduring legacy of Shakespeare. Commissioned and produced at the Denver Center Theatre Company in 2017, this play celebrates the unsung heroes who preserved Shakespeare’s works and ensured his words would last through the ages. Follow John Heminges and Henry Condell, two of Shakespeare's fellow actors, as they embark on a seemingly impossible task to gather and publish the original texts of his plays. This touching narrative not only highlights their painstaking efforts to secure Shakespeare's legacy but also delves into the themes of friendship, resilience, and the transformative power of art.

Executive Producer Steve Price expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming season, stating, "This season, we're thrilled to offer a lineup that truly embodies the spirit of community and storytelling. Each production, from the whimsical charm of 'Crossing Delancey' to the poignant narrative of 'The Book of Will,' is carefully chosen to spark joy, provoke thought, and strengthen connections among our audience and the community at large."

TICKET INFORMATION

Season subscriptions are available at www.rossvalleyplayers.com. Single tickets are \$35 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. Contact the box office at boxoffice@rossvalleyplayers.com for more information.

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.

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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.