



Canalside Players set to return to the stage in May

WELLAND, ON – The City of Welland’s community theatre program is returning to the stage for its second year with *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers* on Friday, May 1, 2015, at the Welland Community Wellness Complex. The comedy is written by award winning American playwright, Neil Simon, and is the Canalside Players’ second ever production.

“Canalside Players is excited to raise the curtain for our second play, which will bring more laughs to the community,” said Jeff Etling, Canalside Players Board Chair. “We had a great response from our first play and hope to keep the momentum rolling.”



Last of the Red Hot Lovers is directed by Lee Moffatt and produced by Dina Senior. This season’s production features a mix of returning and new local cast members. The production is passionately supported by a team of volunteers who are looking forward to bringing another outstanding community theatre production to the City of Welland. “Our cast is a talented group of actors who are going to shine on the centre stage for this comedy, which is sure to be a hit with audiences,” said Moffatt. “We invite the community to join in the fun and the laughs.”

Show dates:

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.
May 1, 2, 8, 9

Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
May 3

Advance Tickets are available until April 17, at \$10 per person for Wellness Complex passholders and \$12 each for non-passholders. After April 17, tickets will be \$13 for passholders, and \$15 for non-passholders. Tickets can be purchased at the Welland Community Wellness Complex or by calling 905-735-1700 ext. 4000.

To learn more about Canalside Players, including volunteer opportunities and updates, visit www.facebook.com/canalsideplayerswelland or email us at canalsideplayers@gmail.com.

Background

Last Of The Red Hot Lovers is written by Neil Simon and presented in partnership with Samuel French.

Plot: Barney Cashman is a successful restaurant owner and family man who — after 22 years of marriage — decides time is running out for him if he wants to join the sexual revolution. Taking advantage of his mother's empty apartment, he attempts to lure various women over for sex, but his attempts to seduce don't turn out as he had planned. He attempts and fails in each of his three seductions with comical results.

Cast for *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers*

BARNEY CASHMAN – a man in his forties and owner of a seafood restaurant who is afraid that the sexual revolution of the 1960's is passing him by

ELAINE NAVAZIO - a sexpot who likes cigarettes, whiskey, and other women's husbands

JEANETTE FISHER – a staunch moralist and wife of Barney's best friend

BOBBI MICHELE - an actress friend who he discovers is madder than a hatter

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The Canalside Players is a community theatre group established with support from the City of Welland. This is the Canalside Players' second year of existence and first play of the 2015 season. A Fall production is scheduled for October 2015. The group is a not-for-profit, completely volunteer driven, City of Welland community theatre program; with the exception of support from the Arts & Culture Coordinator.

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