

St. Charles Broadway Actor Returns to the Pheasant Run Mainstage in Noble Fool's "Married Alive!"

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Matthew R. Jones

St. Charles resident, Matthew R. Jones, stars in Noble Fool Theatricals production of *Married Alive* playing at Pheasant Run August 19 through October 31. *Married Alive* follows two married couples - one newlywed and one seasoned couple - through the ups and downs of modern marriage. They encounter all the common triumphs and tribulations including new babies, in-laws, job stress and wedding bliss.

Jones plays Ron, an oldywed and all around good guy, married for 25 years. His character provides a comedic and wise outlook to the post newlywed days as he faces the predictable challenges of keeping a relationship interesting as he ages. He encounters the things all couples look forward to: Viagra, couples therapy, and empty nest syndrome.

Not only is Jones the husband of the seasoned couple, but he is a seasoned actor as well. His credits include everything from Raoul from *Phantom of the Opera* and Bandleader Hartley from *Titanic* on Broadway, to Magaldi from *Evita* in the European Tour, to an appearance on the Rosie O'Donnell show.

Jones will be returning to the Pheasant Run stage after playing the title role of Joseph in Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* over 10 years ago. "I'm thrilled to be returning and performing in my own community. I feel right at home performing on the Pheasant Run stage," said Jones.

And Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run welcomes him with open arms. "We are very privileged to have Matthew in this show," said Artistic Director John Gawlik. "He brings a lot

of talent and enthusiasm to the role, and audiences will have no problem relating to his character and the ever-so-common situations of love and marriage."

Featuring four actors and a piano duo, couples can easily identify with this musical, and also be reminded that it's okay to laugh at themselves.

The cast also features Justin Berkobian (recently as Buddy in Drury Lane's *The Buddy Holly Story* and John Truitt (opposite Megan Long, downtown) in *Meet Me In St Louis*), Anne Gunn (previously in Noble Fool Theatricals' *Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical* as well as numerous Marriott and Drury Lane Theatre productions), and Megan Long (recently named one of "Chicago's Rising Stars" of 2009 by Chris Jones of Chicago Tribune).

Married Alive opens on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 and runs through Saturday, October 31, 2009. Show times are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. A matinee performance is available on Thursday, September 3 at 2 p.m. *The show is best suited for adults due to sexual talk, song lyrics and innuendo.*

Tickets are priced at \$28 on Thursday and Fridays and at \$39 on Saturdays and Sundays. Special dinner show packages are available. Group Rates, Student Discounts, and Overnight packages are also available.

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. For tickets, call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-6342, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Additional performance information may be obtained at www.noblefool.org.

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