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Fox Valley Repertory

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630-443-0438; asybert@foxvalleyrep.org**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Fox Valley Rep's Second Season at Pheasant Run Mainstage announced for 2012;
Offering a 5-show subscription of Fox Valley area premieres with Chicago's top directors; Summer Theater Festival
with Playwrights from around the country; totaling over 200 performances in 2012**

October 10, 2011, St. Charles, IL – Fox Valley Rep, in residence at Pheasant Run Resort, announces an exciting line-up for their calendar-year 2012 season, many new to the Fox Valley community, including the comedy behind “Gone with the Wind” during golden age of Hollywood, ***Moonlight and Magnolias***, the romantic musical featuring Neil Sedaka’s hits of the 1960’s, ***Breaking Up Is Hard To Do***, Theo Ubique’s critic-acclaimed Chicago revue of Rodgers and Hammerstein, ***Some Enchanted Evening***, Deborah Zoe Lauffer’s modern empty-nesters comedy, ***Sirens***, and the holiday musical, ***The Winter Wonderettes***.

“The community’s support in 2011 during our inaugural season as Fox Valley Rep has led to our most successful season ever. From making history with our first ever Collider New Play Project with Fox Valley’s high-energy physics facility Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory, to a record amount of subscribers, donors and sponsors, we’re very happy with the direction our company is headed in,” says Artistic Director John Gawlik. “And our 2012 season will uphold our tradition of stories that make you laugh, reflect and reconnect to moments in your life.”

FOX VALLEY REPERTORY’S 2011 SUBSCRIPTION SERIES

Gawlik has programmed an exciting season with some of the top and emerging directors in Chicago.

“To celebrate our second season as Fox Valley Rep, we are continuing to offer the best subscription rates and benefits in the area,” says Gawlik. “Our 5-show packages are heavily discounted so that no theater ticket is more than \$20. Our number of subscribers has grown tremendously, and we hope this continues.”

MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS

The Comedy behind “Gone with the Wind”

By Ron Hutchinson

Directed by Kimberly Senior, one of Chicago’s most acclaimed directors

January 19 – March 11, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm, Sundays @ 2pm

Thursdays, January 19 & 26, 8pm; February 2 & 16, 2pm

Prepare yourself to be locked in a room for five days with nothing to eat but bananas and peanuts as legendary producer David O. Selznick, famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and Wizard of Oz director Victor Fleming craft a troubled screenplay into one of the finest films of all time. It’s the behind-the-scenes glimpse of *Gone With the Wind* seen through the eyes of these comical and desperate creators in 1939 Hollywood. Rating: PG13 due to strong language

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BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

Featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka

Book by Erik Jackson & Ben H. Winters, Music & Lyrics by Neil Sedaka, Howard Greenfield and Cody Philip

Directed by Kevin Bellie, multi- Jeff award-winning artist and Circle Theatre's artistic director

March 29 – May 20, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm, Sundays @ 2pm

Thursdays, March 29 & April 5, 8pm; April 12 & 26, 2pm

Oh, to be young and in love in the '60s! But after poor Marge gets dumped at the altar, she decides to go on her honeymoon to the Catskills with best friend Lois in search of good times. A cruisin' adventure of colorful characters, mistaken identity, and romance! Relive the excitement of your first kiss while tappin' your toes along to rock-n-roll legend Neil Sedaka's chart-toppin' music, including "Where the Boys Are," "Sweet Sixteen," "Calendar Girl," and of course, "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." Rating: PG

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein

A Summer Theater Fest event produced by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre

Directed by Fred Anzenvino, critic-acclaimed as "one of Chicago's greatest directors"

May 31 – July 22, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm

Sundays @ 2pm

Thursdays, May 31 & June 7, 8pm; June 14 & 28, 2pm

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SIRENS

A Modern Romantic Comedy

by Deborah Zoe Laufer

Directed by John Gawlik; Fox Valley Rep's very own artistic director

August 16 – October 7, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm, Sundays @ 2pm

Thursdays, August 16 & 23, 8pm; August 30 & September 13, 2pm

A funny, romantic comedy! The hit of the 2009 Humana Festival of New American Plays, *Sirens* is a sweet look at keeping love alive with a touch of Greek mythology. Way back when, Sam wrote his one-hit-wonder "Rose Adelle" after the woman he loved. But 25 years later, as Sam and Rose celebrate their anniversary, he starts to hear a Siren's call. Will Sam jump overboard on their marriage? Will Rose keep the home fires burning, or turn to an old beau to while away the time? Laugh as these empty nesters brave the storm in search of their own happily ever after. Rating: PG13 due to strong language

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THE WINTER WONDERETTES

A Holiday Musical of the 60s

Written and created by Roger Bean

November 15 – December 30, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm, Sundays @ 2pm

Thursdays, November 15, December 6-20, 8pm; November 29, December 13, 2pm

Wednesday, November 21, 8pm

'Tis the season in 1968 and Betty Jean has organized the holiday party at Harper's Hardware Store. No doubt she's hired the hottest girl group in town—Cindy Lou, Missy, Suzy and herself as the Marvelous Wonderettes! But when Santa turns up missing and the whole staff mistakenly gets fired on Christmas Eve, these singin' sweethearts must use their talent and creative ingenuity to bring the Merry back in Christmas. A holiday musical full of classic '60s hits including "Santa Baby," "Jingle Bell Rock," "It's a Marshmallow World" and more. This energetic and entertaining show is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. Rating: PG

FOX VALLEY REPERTORY'S SUMMER THEATER FESTIVAL

July 6 – 22, 2011

Fox Valley Repertory will host the second annual Summer Theater Fest, which will showcase comedies, dramas, new works, concerts and artists in action at Fox Valley Rep as well as throughout the city of St. Charles.

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COLLIDER 2012: New Play Project A Summer Theater Fest Event

July 7 – July 21, 2012

Saturdays @ 1pm

A new play program partnering playwrights from around the country with scientists from Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory to develop new works that help us better understand the universe and who we are, while illuminating and celebrating the worlds of art, science and technology. The result will be world premier staged readings in St. Charles.

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OTHER FOX VALLEY REPERTORY PRODUCTIONS

Letters Home

A Memorial Day Remembrance

May 25 & 26, 2012

Friday @ 8pm, Saturday @ 8pm

Back by patriotic demand, Fox Valley Rep unites with The Fox Valley Concert Band to create a powerful tribute to the United States Armed Forces. With beautiful musical tapestry, actors will weave in soldier's letters written to friends and family during their time of service – including letter submissions from the Fox Valley Area. An event of remembrance and celebration. *Portion of ticket proceeds to benefit the Fox Valley Troop Support, Inc.*

The Woman in Black

A Spine-Chilling Tale

October 12 – 28, 2012

Fridays & Saturdays @ 8pm, Sundays @ 2pm

Thursday: October 27 @ 2pm

Special Halloween Eve Performance on Sunday, October 30 @ 7pm

By Stephen Malatratt

Based on the novel by Susan Hill

A London lawyer hires an actor to help recount a story to family and friends that has long troubled him since he attended the funeral of an elderly recluse. During the reenactment, you'll be gripping your seats with a chill down your spine as you experience the horror and terror of this haunting tale. We just hope *you'll* live to retell the tale of one of the longest-running suspense thrillers in history. Rating: PG-13

Other Performances

In addition to these performances, Fox Valley Repertory will be producing three youth ensemble musical performances, presenting four live music events, six national comedy touring acts and several student field trip performances throughout the year – together, totaling to over 200 performances during the 2012 season.

Ticket Information

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. Season subscriptions start at \$80 for five show - only tickets (discounted dinner-show subscriptions also available) and are currently available by calling call the Box Office at 630-584-6342. Full priced single tickets for each production will go on sale at a later date. Additional information on the 2012 Season and Fox Valley Repertory are available at www.foxvalleyrep.org.

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