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## It's Numerous Roles and Multiple Laughs for Arlington Heights' Valerie Glowinski, in Fox Valley Rep's Family Vacation Comedy "Leaving Iowa" at Pheasant Run Resort



By Audra Sybert Tuesday at 10:09 a.m.



From left: Diane Dorsey (Mom) makes a pit stop to shop from the Amish while Alex Goodrich (Don, son) stares in boredom. Valerie Glowinski and Sean Patrick Fawcett play the Amish couple. Photo by Trademan Photography

The newly named Fox Valley Repertory, formerly Noble Fool Theatricals, proudly presents *Leaving Iowa*, a touching comedy about recounting youth and family vacations, directed by Chicago's award-winning Rachel Rockwell and featuring Arlington Heights actor Valerie Glowinski, at the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; admin telephone 630-443-0438).

Though this is Valerie Glowinski's debut at Pheasant Run she is no stranger to Chicago's entertainment industry, most recently appearing as "Ruth" in SJC Productions' presentation of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Valerie is an on-camera and voice-over actor, working on training, sales, and commercial projects for such companies as Kraft Foods, Allied Van Lines and Motorola. She now appears as "Character Woman" in Fox Valley Repertory's *Leaving Iowa*, which is a role that encompasses over 9 different characters the vacationing family encounters during their road trip. From a farmer's wife and an Amish "gal" to a drunk lady and a museum assistant, her roles provide plenty of laughs during this touching yet hilarious production.

Written by Midwesterns Tim Clue and Spike Manton, *Leaving Iowa* was developed in a suburban Chicagoland theatre before it was noticed by Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theatre. In 2004, the show premiered to critical praise and achieved record sales in its debut. In this touching comedy, middle-aged writer Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his father's ashes. As he travels the paths his family took on their annual vacations, images of his father and the shared family tortures surround his memories.

"The real spark behind this work comes from being children of parents from the now dubbed "greatest generation," says co-writer Tim Clue. "*Leaving Iowa* is a toast to their idealism and character, and perhaps a little roast of their undying dedication to the classic family road trip. *Leaving Iowa* is a postcard to anyone who has ever found themselves driving alone on a road, revisiting fond memories of their youth."

The cast of *Leaving Iowa* features (in alphabetical order): Katherine Banks, Diane Dorsey, Sean Patrick Fawcett, Don Forston, Valerie Glowinski and Alex Goodrich.

*Leaving Iowa* is now playing through Sunday, March 13, 2011. Show times are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Thursday matinees are available at 2pm on: February 17 and March 10, 2011. The show is rated PG.

Tickets are priced at \$29 on Fridays (and limited Thursday performances), and at \$39 on Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner show packages are available from \$49. Group rates 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Additional performance information may be obtained at [www.foxvalleyrep.org](http://www.foxvalleyrep.org).

