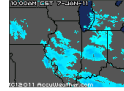


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## Fox Valley Rep presents 'Leaving Iowa'

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The newly named Fox Valley Repertory, formerly Noble Fool Theatricals, presents "Leaving Iowa," a comedy about recounting youth and family vacations, directed by Chicago's award-winning Rachel Rockwell, at the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage, 4051 E. Main St. in St. Charles.



**Fox Valley Repertory will present "Leaving Iowa" Jan. 29-March 13. (Provided photo)**  
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"Leaving Iowa" will preview Jan. 20-28. The show will open Jan. 29 and run through March 13.

Tickets cost \$29 on Fridays (and limited Thursday performances), and \$39 on Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner show packages are available starting at \$49. Group rates and overnight packages are also available.

Written by Midwesterners Tim Clue and Spike Manton, "Leaving Iowa" was developed in a suburban Chicagoland theater 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, according to a recent news release. 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,'" said co-writer Tim Clue in the release. "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."

"With the new Fox Valley Rep's expanded vision of creating engaging entertainment that makes you laugh, reflect and reconnect with moments in your life, I feel that this show does just that," said Fox Valley Repertory's Artistic Director John Gawlik in the release. "We want to evoke laughter and love on the stage so that our patrons can truly relate and connect to their own human experiences."

Rockwell is pleased to return to Noble Fool, where her work was last seen in "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," "Married Alive" and "Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical." Recent directing credits include "Ragtime" (Jeff nomination) at Drury Lane Oakbrook, "The Emperor's New Clothes" at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," "Les Miserables" (associate), "Nonsense," Disney's "High School Musical," "Seussical," Disney's "Aladdin," "Princess and the Pea" and "Cinderella" at the Marriott Theatre; "Miss Saigon" (Jeff nomination) and "The Wizard of Oz" at Drury Lane Oakbrook and "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown!" at Drury Lane Water Tower Place. Chicago Magazine recently named her Chicago's "best director" of 2010.

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

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, with Thursday matinees at 2 p.m. Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 17 and March 10. The show is rated PG.

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles. For tickets, call the Pheasant Run box office at 630-584-6342, or visit [www.foxvalleyrep.org](http://www.foxvalleyrep.org).

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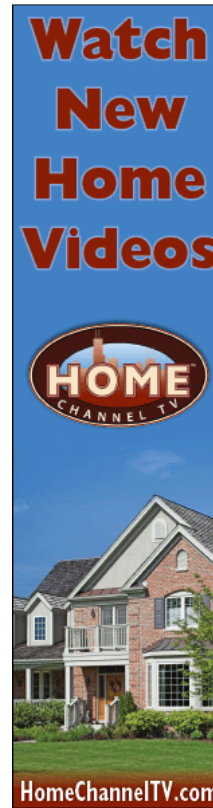
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