Garrison Little Theatre

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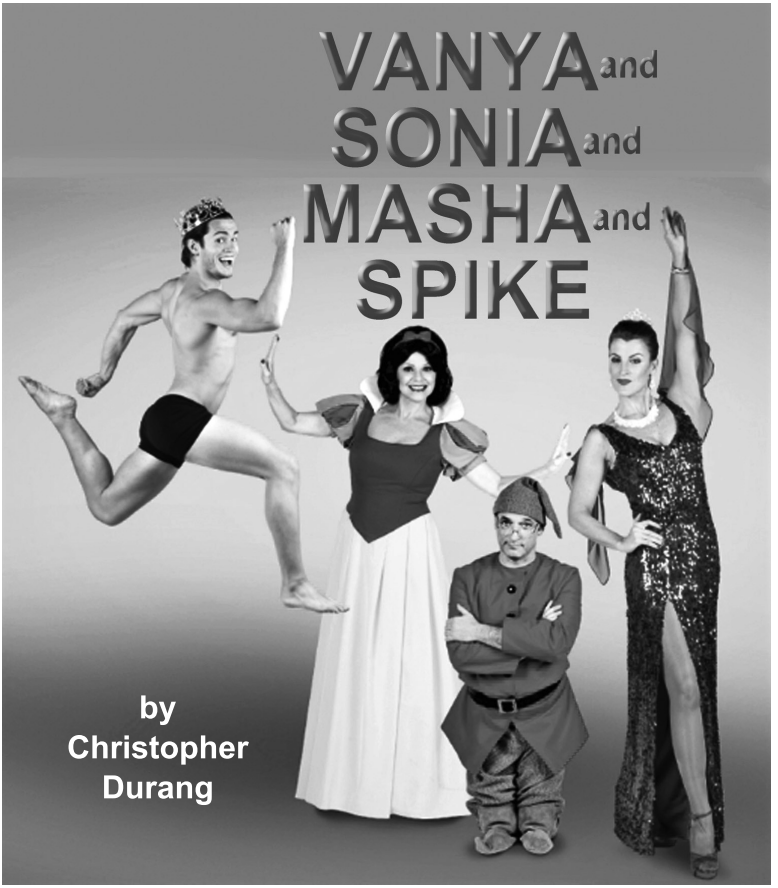

DIRECTOR: VINCE MARINACCIO

PRODUCER: RYAN KAVANAGH

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Produced by special arrangement with Playwrights Guild of Canada.

October/November 2019

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

VANYA	**Dan Bennett**
SONIA	**Edie Pedersen**
CASSANDRA	**Dina Senior**
MASHA	**Darka Makarec**
SPIKE	**Bradley Doyle**
NINA	**Alex Pedersen**

A play in two acts.

Present day, Buck County, PA

"While there is infection in disease and sorrow,
there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious
as laughter and good humour."
-Dickens-



CREATIVE and PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage manager	-	Derek Joynes
Set design	-	Vince Marinaccio
Master carpenter	-	Patrick Ferriday
Set construction	-	GLT volunteers
Set decor	-	Hazel Reinhart
Lighting design	-	Dan Bennett
Lights	-	Joseph Davidson
Sound	-	Bryan Brydges
Costumes	-	Taina Remmler
Properties	-	Wendi Dawson
Front of house	-	Taina Remmler
Bar	-	Nancy and Al Murphy
Bar tickets	-	Rey Baecher and Laurie Nash
Photography	-	Chuck Jagiello
Art in the Lobby coordinator	-	Rey Baecher

Thank you!

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and local businesses that kindly display our posters!



Dan Bennett
A familiar face to GLT audiences, Dan directed *The Ladies Foursome* last year. A graduate of Niagara College's Theatre Arts program, he's been able to lend a hand in various technical capacities which has been a welcome diversion from his day job as priest to the three local Anglican parishes. Dan's been delighted to get back on stage with old friends and some new ones. Especially glad to welcome Bradley back to where they were in *On Golden Pond* together with Darka back in April of 2011.



Edie Pedersen is excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew for this production.
Edie has been acting most of her life. She has a background in TV, film and her favourite, theatre. Locally she has performed in productions with Garrison Little Theatre, Firehall Theatre, Canalside Players and Toronto's Real Space Theatre.
Edie lives with her husband Niels and their 3 dogs in an old 1860 farmhouse in the country. When not acting she is also an artist working with alcohol inks, watercolours and acrylics. She would like to thank Niels for all of his support and encouragement in all she does.



Dina Senior is thrilled to be a part of a Garrison Little Theatre cast this year. Most recently, you might have seen her earlier in the year with Port Colborne Operatic Society's *Once Upon a Mattress* as Lady Larken. In Welland, her home town, she played Rhonda in Norm Foster's *The Great Kooshog Lake Hollis McCauley Fishing Derby* with the Canalside Players. She also had fun with the Lakeside Players at the Port Mansion Theatre in their productions of *Plaza Suite* and *Breaking and Entering*. Not only is Dina into theatre, she also performs improv all over the Niagara Region as an actor, director and producer of Improv Niagara. She hopes you enjoy the show and ... BEWARE!



Darka Makarec is thrilled to be part of this production of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*.

"It feels like a bit of Broadway, right here in Fort Erie!!! Thank you to Vince and Brian for the great opportunity to know "what you're doing is great, just one small thing....!" Greatest of respect and admiration to her fellow actors and ever thankful for crew behind the scenes.
Enjoy the show!"



Bradley Doyle is thrilled to be back on stage at Garrison Little Theatre after nearly ten years! His last performance with the company was in *On Golden Pond* as Billy. In the time since, Bradley has kept busy both on stage and behind the scenes at Port Colborne Operatic Society, Firehall Theatre, Canalside Players, Thorold Community Theatre, Cabar-eh Youth Theatre and Improv Niagara. Bradley is also the recipient of two awards for a Featured Actor in a Musical from Cappies Niagara. He would like to thank his family, both at home and on stage, for keeping him sane and motivated. The role of Spike has been more fun than he ever could have imagined, and he hopes you enjoy the show!



Alex Pedersen is thrilled to be performing in *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. She's most excited to be performing alongside her mother, Edie Pedersen, as they both share the same love and passion for theatre. It's hard to believe Alex has been a part of the GLT family for more than 4 years with this being her 10th show she's been involved with (both onstage and offstage). Her most notable performances with GLT include Olivia in *Things My Mother Taught Me*, Cassandra in *Ed's Garage*, and Kay Starling in *Ned Durango*. Being a part of GLT has allowed Alex to strengthen her acting skills, make lifelong friends and travel! Last spring, Alex had the privilege of travelling to England to perform with GLT and it was an adventure of a lifetime. When not on stage, Alex is the Communications & Media Relations Manager for Niagara Casinos and volunteers for various organizations including the YWCA Niagara Region and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Alex wants to thank her husband Frank for his constant support and encouragement.

Director's note:



Welcome to another season of mirth and merriment. Something a little bit different in the offering from past productions. *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* is a look into the demented mind of playwright, Christopher Durang. Winner of a Tony Award for Best New Play of the 2013 Broadway season. This dramatic comedy wrapped in a farce, chronicles the wonderfully dysfunctional lives of 3 siblings. Vanya and Sonia have been dealing with aging and ill parents for the last 15 years while, Masha has been traveling the world over enjoying all the trappings of fame and fortune. When Masha comes home for a visit with her latest boy toy, Spike, tempers rise, old feelings are hurt, and misspent opportunities are realized. What more could you ask for - sit back and enjoy this oddball comedy.

I would like to take this moment to thank Brian Coatsworth for his assistance, his wisdom and uncanny eye for humour. Brian kept us in stitches and educated us in the work of Chekov. The actors, crew and I are eternally grateful.

President's message

Welcome to the first production of Garrison Little Theatre's 33rd season. To our loyal season ticket holders and all our regulars, we hope you enjoyed your summer and are glad you came back! If this is your first time with us, or it's been a while, we are so pleased you decided to spend a few hours with us.

If you ventured out to Ridgeway this August, we are sure you enjoyed watching GLT perform *Motherhood Out Loud* at The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. All involved were thrilled with the results and are already working on next summer's events. Watch our website and Facebook page for details.

And, if you are interested in even more local community theatre happening this fall, consider traveling up the highway to see some other GLT regulars: Carole Ferriday and Zdenka Cole in Niagara Falls' Firehall Theatre's *Blithe Spirit*. Also Trent Matthews in Thorold Community Theatre's *Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii.*

Thank you once again for coming, now sit back and enjoy the show!
It is our pleasure to entertain you.

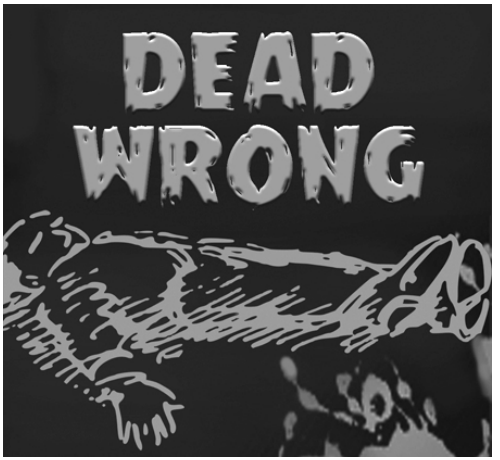
Carole Ferriday
President

ENJOY THE SHOW?

We'd love to hear from you. Share your experience with us on Facebook or Twitter!

While taking photos during the play is prohibited, snap as many selfies or photos, before, during intermission or after and post them!





Coming in February!
An intriquing thriller
by Nick Hall

Tickets are available online
garrisonlittletheatre.com

In order to be more environmentally friendly, Garrison Little Theatre has decided to discontinue selling single-use plastic water bottles next season, beginning in November 2020.

In preparation of this change, we are pleased to offer for purchase metal water bottles, and water dispensers at the bar.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Volunteers are not paid. Not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless!

Volunteering in community theatre is exciting and rewarding. There are so many tasks to be done at so many skill levels, and they all come together into the magic of the show. The cast and crew form a tight-knit community as we work hard and play hard together. Without volunteers, small theatre companies could not possibly afford to put on a show.

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