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Taylor Theatre Presents

Neil Simon's

Lost in Yonkers

February 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 1995
Mitchell Theatre
Taylor University
About the Playwright
Neil Simon has been successfully writing plays for some thirty-odd years, beginning in 1961 with his first Broadway hit Come Blow Your Horn. Lost in Yonkers became his 27th Broadway success, a record unparalleled in the American theater in the second half of this century. Directed by Gene Saks, who has directed seven Simon plays and four movies, Yonkers was originally produced at the Stevens Center of the North Carolina School of the Arts and later played at the National Theatre in Washington D.C. before moving to Broadway in February 1991. It was awarded the 1991 Pulitzer Prize and won Simon the Tony Award for Best Play in 1991. Yonkers is considered by many to be the best play Simon has written.

He was born in New York in 1927, and began writing comic material as a 15-year-old-high school student. Simon began his writing career in television, writing for The Phil Silvers Show and Sid Caesar’s Your Show of Shows, but following his first Broadway hit, he continued a chain of stage successes that turned Broadway for at least the next dozen years into a continuing Simon Festival. Besides writing the adaptations of his own work for the screen, his other screenplays include such successes as Murder by Death, The Cheap Detective, Only When I Laugh and The Heartbreak Kid, among others.

For many years Simon was described as a talented but essentially comic craftsman. This changed in the mid-eighties when he produced his trilogy Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues and Broadway Bound. A more serious Neil Simon emerged in his portrayal of Jewish-American family life, catching the pathos of ordinary life and bringing him the credibility that eluded him during his long streak of comedy hits. More overtly autobiographical than his previous plays they retained his gift for comedy while touching the darker side of human relationships. Simon continues this mixture of laughter and tears in Lost in Yonkers.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

As a courtesy to the actors, please do not use cameras during the performance.

Lost in Yonkers
Directed and Designed by Dr. Oliver Hubbard

THE CAST

Jay........................................Josh Stone
Arty........................................Daniel Hayat
Eddie......................................Jeremy Byrd
Bella......................................Julie Gonnering
Grandma Kurnitz......................Angela Alvarez
Louie......................................Robert Olson
Gert........................................Rachel Kellogg

The play takes place in Grandma Kurnitz’s apartment, located above the Kurnitz’s Kandy Store. Yonkers, New York, 1942

There will be a fifteen-minute intermission between acts

During intermission we invite you to visit our concession stand located on the East end of the upper lobby. Please do not bring refreshments into the theatre.

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A Communication Arts Department Production

OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

Macbeth
April 28, 29, May 4-6, 1995
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Assistant Directors .................. *April Fausnight
                                      Mary Ruth VanVeldhuizen

Set Crew .......................... *JASON FRANCIS
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                                      James Hackman
                                      Tony Marshall
                                      Rob Olson
                                      Bryan Parris
                                      Matt Stalcup

Light/Sound Crew .......................... TIM DIXON
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Program Cover Design .................. Holly Hines

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