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**‘LOST IN YONKERS’ OPENS JANUARY 22**

## **Neil Simon comedy still a winner!**

**GUELPH, ONTARIO – JANUARY 7, 2004.** Guelph Little Theatre turns the spotlight on Broadway hit-maker Neil Simon, with a production of his Pulitzer prize-winning play ‘Lost in Yonkers,’ on stage January 22 to February 7 at the Morris Street Theatre.

Set in 1942, Lost in Yonkers follows the heart-warming tale of two young brothers who are left in the care of their cantankerous grandmother and assorted oddball relatives, while their father earns money to pay off a shady debt.

Originally performed in 1991, Simon penned Yonkers as a follow-up to his autobiographical trilogy: Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues and Broadway Bound. The play explores the social dilemma of a dysfunctional American family in transition, striking a number of emotional chords that are at times both funny and poignant.

“Simon is a master at finding humour in otherwise cheerless situations, and Yonkers is no exception,” offers Director Keith Slater, “Although this is certainly one of his deeper, more complex scripts.

“There’s the signature Simon wit and one-liners, but it’s more than the frothy situation comedies we’ve come to expect. Yonkers has a great deal of heart, and a few rather crusty characters.”

With an unparalleled string of Broadway blockbusters and Hollywood hits, Neil Simon is one of North America’s most successful commercial writers, having produced such crossover classics as ‘The Sunshine Boys,’ ‘Chapter Two,’ ‘Sweet Charity,’ and ‘The Odd Couple.’

Lost in Yonkers runs from January 22 to February 7 with evening performances at 8:00 p.m. (Tickets \$15) and one Sunday matinee on February 1 at 2:00 p.m. (Tickets \$10). Guelph Little Theatre is wheelchair accessible. Ask about group discounts.

For tickets, call the box office at 821-0270.

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