

VAGABOND PLAYERS PRESENTS

Neil Simon's
RUMORS
Directed by
Kayt Roth

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Guess what
I heard!

February 2-25
Thursday-Saturday @ 8pm
Sunday matinees @ 2pm

The Bernie Legge Theatre,
Queen's Park, New Westminster

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"Rumors" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Synopsis

At the Sneden's Landing townhouse of the deputy mayor of New York, four couples gather to celebrate Charley and Myra's tenth anniversary. Problem is that the host has just shot himself, and his wife is nowhere in sight. Since it's only a flesh wound, his lawyer Ken and his wife Chris must get the story straight before the other guests arrive. As confusion and miscommunication mounts, the evening descends into a severe attack of Farce.



Director's Message

Rumors is known as a Neil Simon classic. But hard as it is to believe, it was also his first farcical comedy – one whose Broadway run included acting legends Christine Baranski and Jessica Walter. This show is a funny and unique insight into the lengths that well-to-do people can go to protect themselves in unusual circumstances. It also gives our company of actors a chance to show off their true talents.

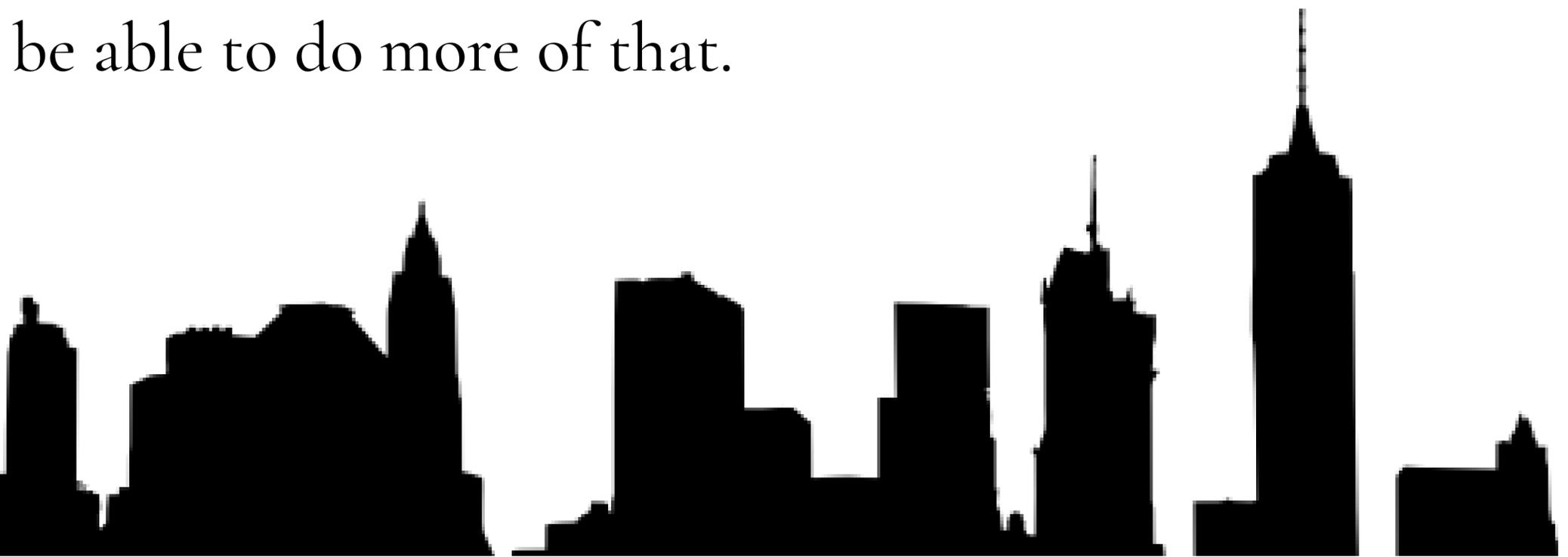
So sit back, relax, have an hors d'oeuvre, and watch the madness ensue.



Director



Rumors marks Kayt's return to Vagabond, after previously directing *The Melville Boys* in 2019. Some of her other previous credits include *Moon Over Buffalo* (Deep Cove), *My Blue Heaven* (Pivot Theatre), *A Comedy of Tenors* (Metro Theatre), *Sealed for Freshness* (Surrey Little Theatre), *Noises Off* (Leduc Drama Society), and *The Sound of Music* (Stageworks). In her sparetime she's a writer and actor who would like a time-turner to be able to do more of that.



Play in 2 Acts

Act 1

An upscale townhouse in New York state, on a
pleasant May evening

Act 2

One hour later

Actors

David Wallace

Lisa Teskey

Ken Boyd

Monika Curman

Devan Vancise

Michelle Stanley

Mark MacDonald

Celeste Musseau

Chuck Mayne

Abigail Walkner

Characters

Ken Gorman

Chris Gorman

Lenny Ganz

Claire Ganz

Ernie Cusack

Cookie Cusack

Glenn Cooper

Cassie Cooper

Officer Welch

Officer Pudney

Cast

Lisa Teskey - Chris Gorman

Lisa enjoyed playing the English Lady Carrington in Vagabond's Sherlock's Veiled Secret and now is transformed into a "New Yorker" in her 3rd Vagabond production. Physician by day and mom, wife, amateur singer and thespian by night, Lisa is delighted to be performing again in her home city of New Westminster.

David Wallace - Ken Gorman

David is delighted to be back to trod the boards with Vagabond after a decade long absence. Former roles here include Mark in Spirit Level, Lewis in Evelyn Strange, and Leo in Design for Living.

However, the Covid hiatus aside, he has been very busy on other stages in the interim with favourite roles being Man 2 in The 39 Steps

(16 different characters, sometimes simultaneously and sheep), a scheming executioner who has never actually carried out his professional duty in The Mikado, a stammering Congregationalist minister in A Prayer for Owen Meany, and the wildly idealistic, if maybe a little crazy, Don Quixote in Man of la Mancha.



Ken Boyd - Lenny Ganz

Following a successful career in Radio as an announcer, producer and writer Ken moved onto acting in community theatre Old Love, God Of Carnage, The Good Game and Theatre in the Raw's Jack Benny and the Angels to name a few. On TV The Romeo Section, Ties That Bind, and The Killing as well as various voice roles in radio stage plays. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!



Monika Curman - Claire Ganz

Monika's first venture into community theatre was in high school when she played Ida in See How They Run. Thirty-three years would pass before Monika would return to the stage. Her credits include Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez in Charley's Aunt and Brigit I in Happy Birthday at Metro Theatre, and Ethel in Moon over Buffalo at DCSS.. This is her first Vagabond production. Monika takes the theatre to work where she often acts like she knows what she is doing.



Devan Vancise - Ernie Cusack

This is Devan's triumphant return to the stage after 12 years, and acting again after 6 years. He is happy to play Ernie and be a part of this wonderful cast and production. Devan has been working as a Graphic Designer with the Provincial Health Services Authority and after these long past few years, wanted to return to the stage, a special place in his heart and find renewed joy again. What better way to do it than with a farce.

He hopes you enjoy the show and all the great work Vagabond players did to put it together. Props to the crew and production team.



Michelle Stanley - Cookie Cusack

Michelle offers her gratitude to the Halkomelem speaking peoples, specifically the Qayqayt First Nation, on who's traditional and unceded territories we gather to celebrate story and make meaning together. Proud to return to the stage with the Vagabond Players at The Bernie Legge Theatre, Michelle would say "no 'Cookie' could be sweeter than working beside the talented cast and crew of Rumors".

Her most recent role was Mrs. Morton in Sherlock's Veiled Secret.



Mark MacDonald - Glenn Cooper
Two years have passed since Sparky's last time performing as a bumbling culinary school alumni at Metro Theatre's Five Alarm and he is eager for his return to the stage. Having worked with Kayt four times in the past, twice as an actor and twice as a stage manager, Sparky is confident that the show you are about to watch will be one to remember for years to come. ENJOY!



Celeste Musseau - Cassie Cooper
Celeste is delighted to be back onstage with Vagabond Players after playing Theodora in The Haunting of Hill House and Rheba in You Can't Take it With You. She also acted in Changed Utterly (Vital Spark) and Gaslight (Theatre West Van). She would like to thank Kayt, the talented cast and crew, Eugene, and YOU for supporting community theatre.



Chuck Mayne - Officer Welch
Chuck is looking forward to returning to the Vagabond stage for the first time since the 1980 production of Finian's Rainbow. Yes, he's that old! He's also looking forward to renewing friendships with the Vagabond ghosts. This is going to be fun!



Abigail Walker – Officer Pudney
Abigail Walkner is excited to play Pudney in Rumours. Her past credits include Margo in A Late Snow (Pivot Theatre) Alice in Alice In Wonderland (Stagecoach Theatre), Gracie in Rapunzel (SMP Dramatics), and The Talking Cricket in Pinocchio (GISPA), among others.





Crew



Set Designer- Sandra Walton

Sandra has worked professionally as costume and set designer, stage manager and administrator in England, Scotland and Canada. She is grateful to have “discovered’ Vagabond Players recently and to have been given the opportunity to design RUMORS after a lengthy retirement.



Stage Manager: Abigail Walkner

Set Builders: George Edwards, Warren Johnson, Karl Moser, Rob Moser, Terry Loos, Craig Premack, Wayne Cornett, Dave Berrouard.

Set Decorator: Ray Boulay,

Set Painters: George Edwards, Cindy Dean, Pam Bennet, Anne Rhodes, Sandra Walton, Craig Premack, Bev Pride, Warren Johnson

Program Designer: Marty Barrett

Poster Designer: Ray Boulay

Publicity team: Val Lawlor, Bev Pride, Marty Barrett, Doug Joel,

Costume Mistress: Bev Pride; Marty Barrett and cast

Properties: Warren Johnson, Cindy Dean

Headshot photos: Craig Premack

Publicity photos: Marty Barrett

Vagabond Players is run by dedicated volunteers who generously give of their time, efforts and skill to accomplish the many jobs it takes to bring a production to the stage. The Vagabond Players volunteers would like to thank you, our valued patrons for your continued support of community theatre.

Thank you!

Featured Volunteers - Pam Bennett and Cindy Dean



Sisters Pam and Cindy are patrons of Vagabond Players, seeing many of the plays at the Bernie Legge theatre. In the fall of 2022 when they were looking for plays to see when Vagabond Players returned to live theatre performances, they saw that volunteers were needed.

They came to a general meeting and were greeted by the Front of House manager who explained the many jobs needed to run a production. Months later Cindy and Pam have done most of the concessions and lobby jobs as well as set painting and even took on doing props for this show. They have found that they were well mentored and supported in any training necessary and highly recommend anyone looking for a fun place to hang out to join the members at Vagabond Players.

Send a message to inquiries@vagabondplayers.ca and a volunteer will get back to you very soon.