

GCT to stage 'Plaza Suite'

Starting Saturday

Gilroy Community Theatre offers Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" at the Gavilan Theatre starting Saturday, Oct. 13.

Simon, a playwright who draws heavily on the bewilderment of our times, has taken the foraging tragedies of 20th century living and sheathed them with acceptable humor. He chooses his characters from such suburban sanctuaries as Rye, Scarsdale and Westchester County, gleefully dissects them, in the vaporous luncheons and dinners of New York, and reasonably finds humor in their anxious flounderings upon the gaming tables of high corporate advancements.

The formula has worked flawlessly for him for numerous comedy seasons in the New York theatre, and the Gilroy Community Theatre will open its last show of the 1973 season with his smash success "Plaza Suite."

"Plaza Suite" is a trilogy of one-act plays in the continuous setting of the Plaza Hotel in New York, and as in all Simon ventures, its tone is the bitter-sweet humor of current sophistication.

Al and Frances Bloom are coupled as (Norma and Roy Hubley), a nouveau-rich family determined to provide a debutante sized wedding for their bewildered off-spring.

Mary Ann Bruegmann and Greg Guerin play a couple who quip through a brief anniversary celebration. They find themselves obliged to be bent over a moment of protracted "truth," and become obliged to watch their marriage (of some value), fall into shambles.

Jim and Elaine Allen portray a successful producer and his past girlfriend. The producer's business is million pictures...his hobby is seduction. The encounter provides a gallant reprieve for the producer's questionable virtues, and a momentary respite from the aging girlfriend's infinite boredom.

Performance will be staged at the Gavilan Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at a Sunday matinee, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m., and the performance will be repeated again at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20.

Tickets may be purchased at Dick Bruhn's, Gilroy Stationers, Gilroy Printers and at the box office of the Gavilan Theatre.

Additionally, tickets are being offered by members of the San Martin Lions Club for the Friday, Oct. 11 showing.

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Karen Nash (Mary Ann Bruegmann) adroitly manages a glistening conversation while applying eye drops to her tired husband, Sam, (Gregg Guerin) in a scene from Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite."



James Mend Maya is director of the Gilroy Community Theatre's production of "Plaza Suite." He previously directed plays at the University of Indiana and at the University of Colorado Shakespearean Festival.



Roy Hubley, portrayed by Al Bloom, applies heavy persuasion to a bathroom door in an effort to retrieve his reluctant daughter.



Jim and Elaine Allen portray a successful producer and his past girlfriend in "Plaza Suite" due at the Gavilan College Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 13.



Norma Hubley (Frances Bloom) happily makes wedding arrangements for her bewildered and sometimes obstinate daughter.

PLAZA SUITE - Tomorrow night the curtain will go up at Gavilan College on the Gilroy Community Theatre's latest production, "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon, a trilogy of one-act plays touched with bitter sweet humor and sophistication. Above Gregg Guerin and Mary Ann Bruegmann, who play Sam and Karen Nash, playfully prepare for events on an eighteenth anniversary party. "Plaza Suite" will also be staged: Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.; Oct. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Dick Bruhn's, Gilroy Stationers, Gilroy Printers, or at the Gavilan Theatre box office. Photo by John A. White Jr.