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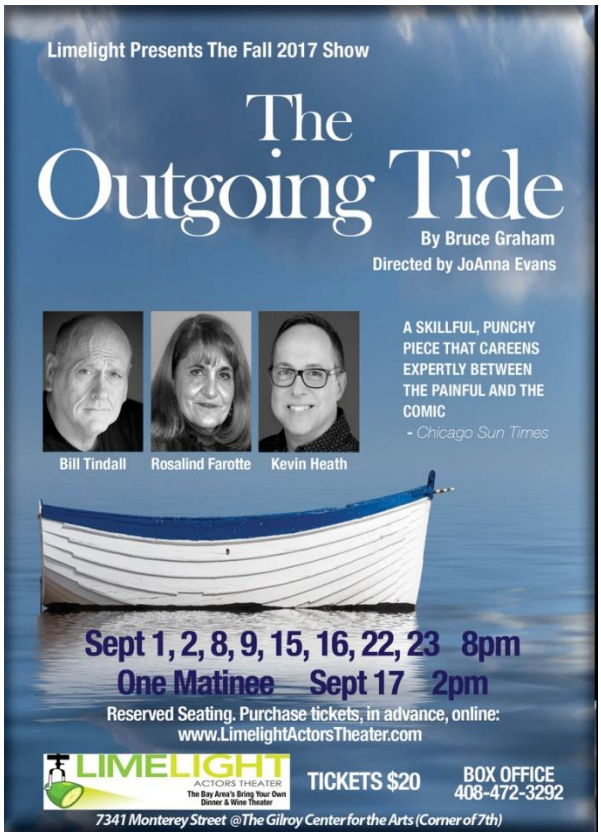
Limelight Actors Theater has always entertained and brought a eminence to their productions that surprised with the quality of their shows for a local company. They have really reached and touched high with their latest production ."The Outgoing Tide" by Bruce Graham. Smoothly directed by Kevin Heath who deftly also plays a central role of the grown son Jack with problems of his own while being set in the middle of his parents decisions, Bill Tindall as the cantankerous Gunner and Rosalind Farotte as his loving indecisive wife Peg – all are solid in their delivery.

The story about the subject will hit home with many. Tough and always in charge Gunner is slowly slipping in and out of dementia going deeper as the time passes. He has many lucid moments and knows what is his future holds, he makes plans to make sure his family is taken care of. Full of heartache and humor the story takes us into areas some know too well.



Skillfully written, the play by playwright Graham brings the audience into intimate moments that touches the emotional tender parts of the soul. The simple seaside set by Heath and Glynis Crabb with light and sound by Matthew Hendrickson bring in a complete performance.

"The Outgoing Tide" is extremely well done and will make you laugh and cry and remember the life that encompasses us is really, always in control. For a relaxing laid back evening of fun that is a distinctive experience – call in your reservations early to be sure space is available. You can't go wrong here. Great entertainment, close to home, lots of laughs, with an extra friendly atmosphere

Reservations are a must. Bring your own dinner and wine. Or dinner can also be ordered from the Milias Restaurant from their "Limelight Theater To Go Menu". Order by noon the day of the show and dinner will be delivered to the theater at 7pm. To order call (408) 337-5100.Doors open at 6:30 pm with an 8 pm curtain. Check for matinees – doors open at 1 pm with a 2pm curtain. Lots of easy parking is available.

South Valley

Fleeting faculties

Limelight play tangles with the onset of dementia

By Susan Rife

COMEDIC DRAMA Limelight Actors Theater presents 'Outgoing Tide'. Performances run Sept. 1-23, 2017 at Gilroy Center for the Arts. Photo: Alan Obata. Producer and Co Owner of Limelight Actors Theater

Most people have been affected by it one way or another—a loved one begins to struggle with memory loss or a friend of the family shares their experience with their own parent vacillating between the tragic decline of dementia and moments of clarity.

For some, they are acutely aware of their fleeting faculties, while others are blissfully ignorant to the progressive illness.

An upcoming performance of *Outgoing Tide* at Limelight Actors Theater (LAT) in Gilroy grapples with the uncertainty of Alzheimer's. Though never mentioned by name, the play recounts one Chesapeake Bay family's experience living with Alzheimer's. The three-person comedic drama unfolds when the father, Gunner (Bill Tindall), develops a plan to ensure his family's future shortly after diagnosis. Gunner's wife Peg (Rosalind Farotte) and their son Jack (Limelight owner/director Kevin Health) are called on to address the developing condition, when they learn their plans don't quite match up with Dad's.

The downtown theater company usually offers a handful of shows each year and Heath notes it has done dramas before, but this show offers a deeper emotional connection for the audience says Heath.

“It’s a subject matter that will hit home with the audience,” he says. “Anyone who has dealt with a serious issue within a family will relate. Anyone who has dealt with dementia/Alzheimer’s in their family, or dealt with an aging mind or even a neighbor who has memory issues will recognize the specific challenge facing the family.”

Although Farotte and Tindall have never worked with each other, Heath says the trio has a lot of chemistry.

“You will truly feel we are an actual family unit and celebrate the fact that we aren’t perfect,” Heath admits. “In fact, all three characters have real, human flaws. But underneath, they love each other even when at odds. It’s a special show.”

For those concerned about the content Heath says the show is written with some humor in it.

“I don’t want anyone to be afraid because it is a drama or it might be a little heavy at times,” Heath suggests. “You’ll get some laughs, too, and you might shed a tear. Theater is about a variety of emotions and when actors bring something out of you that was unexpected, you know you’ve seen them do a good job.”

Outgoing Tide is a relatable, poignant drama about debilitating illness and self-determination.

Limelight Actors Theater presents ‘The Outgoing Tide’ written by Bruce Graham and directed by Kevin Heath. Performances run Sept. 1-23 with matinees Sept. 10 and 17 at Gilroy Center for the Arts at 7341 Monterey St. For more information, visit limelightactorstheater.com or call 408.472.3292.