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BROADWAY PLAY “SYLVIA” COMES TO THE OPEN EYE THEATER

Get ready for a tail-wagging time when The Open Eye Theater in Margaretville presents “Sylvia”, a play written by A.R. Gurney. When a middle-aged man brings home a stray dog named Sylvia, sparks begin to fly. Sylvia affectionately, at times intentionally, gets in the middle of his empty nest marriage. She becomes not only competition for the wife, but a catalyst for change which broadens the meaning of love for the couple. This honest, sometimes shocking, perspective from a stray female dog delivers plenty of laughs but is not intended for children due to adult language and content.

Michelle Macau directs the full-length play, running approximately two hours with an intermission. The cast is comprised of five talented actors including Patricia Van Tassel who plays the wildly uninhibited Sylvia. David Hill is Greg, a restless husband who is discontented with his job; Lisa Ruth Mays is Kate, his wife, an English teacher whose career opportunities are beginning to open up. Ward Stevenson takes the role of Tom, a fellow dog owner and Greg’s acquaintance from the park. Elizabeth Sherr plays two roles: Phyllis, Kate’s friend from back at college, and the marriage therapist Leslie. Kathy Taylor is stage manager.

Performances begin September 15th and run through September 25th; Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7 pm, Sunday at 3 pm. Tickets are \$20. The Open Eye Theater

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is conveniently located at 960 Main Street in Margaretville. It is air-conditioned and fully accessible, with plenty of parking behind the theater in the village lot. Refreshments are available. Vaccines are strongly requested and masks recommended. Seating is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to theopeneyetheater.org, or call 845-586-1660.

The Open Eye Theater is marking 50 years of new play production. Its mission is to produce high quality theater performances and other educational programming for a diverse population in the Catskill Mountain Region and beyond--enriching the quality of life for theater artists, students, and audiences of all ages.

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