

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAIN STREET THEATRE RETURNS WITH A COMEDY

Vancouver – Main Street Theatre, one of the city’s top independent theatre companies is back with a fresh offering for Vancouver audiences. After successfully tackling the complicated nuances and heart wrenching drama of Shepherd, Mamet and Beckett the company has set their sights on something a titch more lighthearted: Neil Simon’s classic comedy, ***The Odd Couple***.

Set in New York in the 1960’s, *The Odd Couple* is one of the world’s most cherished stories: A divorced slob (Oscar) invites his meticulous and tense friend (Felix), who has just been separated from his wife, to move in with him. Soon their different approaches to life get on each other’s nerves and the patterns of their disastrous marriages begin to reappear with hilarious results.

Directed and designed by Stephen Malloy and starring Ryan Beil (Felix) and Mike Wasko (Oscar) the company looks forward to honouring the story and the comedy that have made the play a hit for nearly 50 years. Filling out the rest of Oscar and Felix’s world is a stellar supporting cast. Michael P. Northey, Sebastian Kroon, Josh Drebit and Kyle Jespersen comprise “the poker buddies” and Lindsey Angell and Melanie Reich are the infamous Pigeon Sisters. And last but not least, Stage Manager Collette Brown rounds out the dynamic company.

The creative team at Main Street Theatre continue their commitment to producing contemporary classics in an exciting and intimate space and will stage Simon’s masterpiece in Little Mountain Gallery (195 E. 26th Ave.), one of Vancouver’s hottest live-performance venues. The ultra-intimate confines of Little Mountain Gallery allow audiences to get up close and personal with Oscar and Felix in ways that the film and TV Sitcom could only dream of achieving. Main Street is excited to show a different side to the company with their exploration of Neil Simon’s classic comedy, *The Odd Couple*. Last year it was Shepard and Beckett, this year it’s Oscar and Felix. Should be fun. The show runs November 28 – December 8, All shows at 7:30 PM, no show on December 2nd.

Tickets: Pay What You Can (suggested \$20). Ticket reservations: (604) **992-2313**.

Press photos and more: <http://www.mainstreettheatre.ca>.

Poster graphic design by Chris Kuzma