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Choices! Choices!

by Karen Schaeffer

Directed by Mel Wilson

Production: March 12, 13 at 7:30 PM

March 14 at 2:00 PM

March 19, 20 at 7:30 PM

March 21 at 2:00 PM

It's been five years since Liz's husband passed, but she's okay. Life's ingredients include a successful business (Grandma Effingoode's), lunch with friends, a dash of wine and a dose of Jane Austen. Kat and Sami persuade Liz to come out from behind the baker counter at Grandma Effingoode's for a blind date . . . or two . . . and what could a little manipulation of dating profiles and a small wager hurt? Enjoy "Choices," a new play by Karen Schaeffer where the women are smart, the humor is sharp and delicious things happen in the dark. Written by local Des Moines playwright Karen Schaeffer and featured by the Des Moines Playhouse in 2015

Masks are required; the actors and actresses will be wearing clear face shields so that facial expressions can be seen but still keep everyone protected. Family/friends may set together, but we ask that you have two seats between each family or friend groups. Great news, video streaming for this production, so that you can watch from home. Please contact Sue at 641-521-6550 or email her at newtontheatre@iowatelecom.net if you are interested. Options will be a private YouTube feed which you will receive the connection through email or a copy of a DVD to be watched.

Benefactor, patron, and season tickets are available starting Monday, March 8, 2021. General admission tickets available on March 9, 2021. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth. The box office will be staffed weekdays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm, and one hour before each show.. You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine with your ticket request and the staff will reserve your tickets and call you back with confirmation.

Dinner With Friends

By Donald Margulles

Directed by Wanda Blount

Production: June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13, 2021

Auditions: March 21 & 22, 6:30-8:00 * Parts Available: 2 Men, 2 Women

THE STORY: As described by New York Magazine: "Two married couples have been best friends for years. In their Connecticut home, Karen and Gabe, international food writers, are giving a dinner for Beth and Tom, which he doesn't attend. It emerges from the heartbroken Beth that he has left her for another woman. Gabe and Karen are almost as crushed, having expected 'to grow old and fat together, the four of us.' When Tom shows up at his home in the next scene, late at night, he is enraged that Beth broke the news of their breakup in his absence. Late as it is, he rushes over to his friends in the next scene to present his side of the story. Act Two begins with another dinner, twelve and a half years earlier, in a summer house on Martha's Vineyard, where Karen and Gabe are introducing Beth to Tom. Then we skip five months after the events in Act One, as Beth reveals to Karen...that she has fallen in love with an old friend whom she intends to marry...Later that day, in a Manhattan bar, Tom, a lawyer, tells Gabe about his [newfound] happiness, to which Gabe reacts sourly. Still later that night, Gabe and Karen are going to bed in the Vineyard house, and discuss the Tom-and-Beth situation, as well as their own [marriage]...clinging to it like the shipwrecked to their raft..."

Newton Community Theatre
2021 season tickets order form

*Choices, Choices * Dinner With Friends*
*Fall – TBA * A Christmas Carol The Musical*

Number requested:

- _____ Season ticket (four regular-season shows) – **\$55**
- _____ “Single Patron” package – **\$65** (one season ticket and a tax-deductible contribution of \$10)
- _____ “Patron” package – **\$130** (two season tickets and a tax-deductible contribution of \$20)
- _____ “Single Benefactor” package – **\$80** (one season ticket and a tax-deductible contribution of \$25)
- _____ “Benefactor” package – **\$160** (two season tickets and a tax-deductible contribution of \$50)

Total: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number: _____

If purchasing season tickets as a gift, please provide the recipient’s name & address for the box office records.
Gift tickets will be mailed to you directly, unless otherwise noted:

Please mail completed form to Wanda Blount,
1209 N 4th Ave W, Newton, IA 50208. Phone: 792-8976