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ARTS CLUB ON TOUR PRESENTS TWO THOROUGHLY MISMATCHED ROOMMATES... AND THE PERFECT “ODD COUPLE”!

The Arts Club Theatre is bringing *The Odd Couple* to town - and you won't want to miss this classic tale of thoroughly mismatched roommates!

With a flawlessly hilarious script, perfect comedic timing, and an unlikely but heartwarming friendship between two completely mismatched friends, this award-winning comedy is one of playwright Neil Simon's best-loved and most celebrated works.

The scene opens in 1967: when two best friends decide to share an apartment after their marriages fail, they have no idea how badly their personalities will clash. Felix is a neat freak, and Oscar is a slob, and it soon becomes hilariously apparent that they might not make it out of their cohabitation alive.

The Odd Couple is full of razor-sharp banter, impeccably honed dialogue, and a healthy dose of 1960s humor. The result? A classic comedy that lights up the stage.

“It's a comic duo of conflict between people who are utterly opposed in their tastes and opinions, but they've remained friends despite of how different they are,” says director John Murphy. “The script is really a work of genius. Neil Simon was famous for rewriting and rewriting, and the show is airtight.”

As Oscar swigs beer on the couch and Felix tries to clean up and cook dinner, there are plenty of opportunities for Felix and Oscar to slip into the roles of an old married couple - with side-splitting results.

“It makes a comparison between a friendship and a marriage, and it’s done in a very funny way,” Murphy says.

But just as you’d expect from a master playwright like Neil Simon, the show also carries a deeper message.

“When their friendship is being risked, we realize how high the stakes are, and how important that friendship is,” Murphy says. “The loss of it would be almost more catastrophic than the loss of a marriage, and that’s what really shines though.”

It comes down to a few simple, heartfelt ideas: romantic relationships may come and go, but a good friend never leaves your side. And no matter where you fall on the scale of having your life together, whether you’re a slob or a neat freak, you still have something to offer to those around you.

It’s a heartwarming tale of steadfast friendship.

“The reason we become friends with people, and the reason we remain friends with those people, is that those people are constantly making us better,” Murphy says. “That’s why friendships form, and that’s why they remain. And that’s what this show is really, truly about.”

It’s a lesson that no one teaches us better than Felix and Oscar - even if they do make a truly odd couple.

The Odd Couple takes to the stage at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30pm. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW (7469) or visit chilliwackculturalcentre.ca to reserve your seats: tickets are \$30 for students, \$32 for seniors, and \$35 for adults.

The Odd Couple is proudly supported by Canadian Tire at the Platinum Level, and sponsored by The City of Chilliwack, The Chilliwack Players Guild, British Columbia Arts Council, The Chilliwack Progress, The Department of Canadian Heritage, and The Province of British Columbia.

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music and the Chilliwack Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 188,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$2,600,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City, and boasts The Chilliwack Academy of Music, The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association and The Chilliwack Players Guild as partners.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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