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Present

# The Odd Couple *Female Version*

by **Neil Simon**

Directed by **Sandra Provost**

*In English*

**Neil Simon's official female version of his hilarious comic classic!**

"Simon's mastery of the one-liner has never been sharper than it is in *The Odd Couple (Female Version)*."

- **Los Angeles Theater Review**

"Very funny indeed." - **New York Post**

"Endearing." - **USA Today**

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### About the Play and Author

**The Odd Couple, Female Version** is Neil Simon's adaptation of his timeless hit that originally premiered on Broadway in 1965 and ran for over 960 performances. In this version, Simon re-imagines Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, his famous polar opposites, as independent women living in New York City during the go-go 1980s. Here, Olive Madison is the carefree, sloppy one and Florence Unger is the finicky, obsessive-compulsive neatnik. Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for their weekly evening of Trivial Pursuit. They are all enjoying the game night in Olive's messy and ill-equipped apartment when Florence arrives, fresh from being dumped by her husband. Fearful that the neurotic Florence might attempt suicide, Olive invites her to move in as her roommate. However, Olive and Florence have VERY different personalities, testing their friendship to the limit. When Olive organizes a "double-date" with the suave Costazuela brothers, their differences come to a head and sparks fly. **An entertaining play with great and timeless hilarity!**

**Marvin Neil Simon** (1927-2018), American playwright, screenwriter and author, is widely regarded as one of the most successful, prolific and performed playwrights in theatre history. Mr. Simon wrote more than 30 plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays, mostly adaptations of his plays. For television, Mr. Simon wrote series, teleplays and motion pictures. Awards he received include the **Pulitzer Prize** for *Lost In Yonkers*, **Emmy Awards** for *The Sid Caesar Show* and *The Phil Silvers Show*, **Tony Awards** for *The Odd Couple*, *Biloxi Blues*, *Lost In Yonkers* and a **special Tony Award** For Overall Contribution To The Theatre. His nominations include Tony Award Nominations for *Little Me*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *Plaza Suite*, *Promises, Promises*, *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Broadway Bound*, *Lost in*

*Yonkers* and *The Goodbye Girl* (musical). Other nominations include a Writers Guild Screen Award for *The Odd Couple*, an American Comedy Award for Lifetime Achievement and a Writers Guild Screen Award Nomination for *Barefoot in the Park*, as well as an Oscar Nomination for *The Odd Couple*, an Evening Standard Award, a Sam S. Shubert Foundation Award, Kennedy Center Honors, a UCLA Medal, a Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award and a William Inge Theater Festival Award for Distinguished Achievement in the American Theater. **The female version of *The Odd Couple* was first presented on Broadway on June 11, 1985 directed by Gene Saks.**

## Teatro Le Salette

Vicolo del Campanile 14 (located between Borgo Pio and Via della Conciliazione)

Nearest Bus stops: 23, 34, 40, 982 - Nearest metro stop Ottaviano (10 minute walking distance)

Nearby pay parking on Via Del Falco 36 (except Sundays)

## PERFORMANCES

**Wed to Fri 7-9 June 2023 at 19.30**

**Sat and Sun 10-11 June 2023 at 17.00**

## CAST (in order of appearance)

Esmeralda Lundius, Fabiana De Rose, Rebecca Harold, Liz Craig, Gabriella Spadaro, Shelagh Stuchbery, Jonathan Hedley, James Blundell

**TICKETS:** 15€ full; reduced 12€ (students); reduced 13€ (seniors)

(+2€ theatre season card / members of the public who are already card holders for 2023 are exempt)

**BOOKING & INFO:** [playsinrome@yahoo.com](mailto:playsinrome@yahoo.com) or 347-8248661

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