KIM STAUNTON LEADS SYLVIA CAST AT LONE TREE ARTS CENTER
Dynamic Cast of Denver Favorites Announced

LONE TREE, CO – The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) has announced that award-winning actress of the stage and screen, Kim Staunton, will star as Kate in Sylvia, which plays November 7-17 at LTAC. The cast, led by Tony-nominated director Randal Myler also includes Tony-nominated Jonathan C. Kaplan as Greg, and Denver favorites Jamie Ann Romero as Sylvia and Randy Moore as Tom, Phyllis, and Leslie. Sylvia is produced by the LTAC in collaboration with Starkey Theatrix.

The play by AR Gurney centers on empty-nester couple Kate and Greg after Greg brings home a stray dog he found in the park, Sylvia. Kate and Sylvia begin a battle of wills as Greg’s midlife crisis causes him to abandon his job, his social life, and maybe his marriage in favor of spending time with Sylvia. This comedy showcases the relationship between man and dog, man and wife, and, most interestingly, wife and dog.

As Kate, Kim Staunton will be taking on a complex character that is jealous and exasperated, yet strong and willful. Staunton says she is “thrilled to be working with the Lone Tree community and the amazing Randy Myler!” Staunton returns to Denver after having been a guest company member at the Denver Center Theatre Company (DCTC) for the past 13 seasons. She appeared in Fences, To Kill A Mockingbird, Ruined, A Raisin in the Sun, and many more. Kim has also appeared regionally at South Coast Repertory, Center Theatre Group/Kirk Douglas Theatre, Seattle Repertory, Syracuse Stage, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company, Virginia Stage
Kim is a recipient of the Denver Post Ovation Award, Henry Award, and Westword’s Best of Denver. She is a native of Washington, DC and a graduate of The Juilliard School.

Taking on the role of Greg is Tony-nominee Jonathan C. Kaplan. A performer since the age of 5, Kaplan has performed on and off Broadway in shows such as Falsettos, Diary of Anne Frank, Forever Dusty, Rags, and The Loman Family Picnic. Regionally, Kaplan has been seen on stages such as The Acting Company, George Street Playhouse, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Baltimore Center Stage, Two River Theater Company as well as Denver Center Theatre Company where he was seen in The Liar. This fall, Kaplan will be featured on the new CBS television show Hostages.

Jamie Ann Romero and Randy Moore will both be returning to the LTAC stage and the direction of Randal Myler after the successful Hank Williams: Lost Highway of last spring. Romero says, “I am over the moon to be back at the Lone Tree Arts Center and to have the opportunity to play Sylvia with Randal Myler and this incredible cast.” Romero’s Colorado credits include The Three Musketeers (Kitty) and Sunsets and Margaritas (Bianca) with the Denver Center Theatre Company, Boeing Boeing (Gabriella) and The Seagull (Nina) with TheatreWorks, Hamlet (Ophelia, Denver Post Ovation Award) and Romeo & Juliet (Juliet, Best of Westword Award) with the Colorado Shakespeare Festival.

Moore has spent the last 18 years as a company member of the Denver Center Theatre Company, earning raves for his roles of Grandpa (You Can’t Take It With You), Argan (The Imaginary Invalid), Harpagon (The Miser), Scrooge (Christmas Carol), and Polonius (Hamlet). Prior to that, Moore performed over 200 roles in a 23 year tenure with the Dallas Theater Center. Moore has also been seen on the stages of The Alley, Old Globe, and Baltimore Center Stage.

Leading the cast is Tony-nominated director, Randal Myler. After directing John Denver Holiday Concert and Hank Williams: Lost Highway for LTAC in the 2012-13 season, Myler is looking forward to returning to the venue with a straight play. Myler directed Sylvia in 1997 for the Denver Center and handled it brilliantly; so much so that when
putting together the artistic team for the Lone Tree production of *Sylvia*, Executive Director Lisa Rigsby Peterson thought back to that production. “I knew we wanted it to be that caliber of performance and I remembered thinking the direction was spot-on. When Randy agreed to return to Lone Tree to direct, I was thrilled. Our audiences have loved his work in the past and he’s done this show exceedingly well; we fell into the perfect relationship to make this show soar. When Kim Staunton agreed to play Kate, it was truly the cherry on top.”

Tickets for *Sylvia* can be purchased online at [www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org](http://www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org) or by calling 720-509-1000. Tickets start $28 (plus $3 service fee). A special $25 matinee will take place at 1:30pm on November 13. *Sylvia* is presented in part thanks to donations from the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Colorado Creative Industries, and Professor Michael R. Harris and Charlotte Min-Harris.

**About LTAC**

The Lone Tree Arts Center is a professional, innovative and environmentally friendly, LEED Certified venue. LTAC operates a dynamic model for the performing arts by collaborating with some of the premier Colorado performing arts companies to present their productions in Lone Tree as well as presenting national and regional tours. LTAC has quickly discovered its place as a new provider of arts education programs for children and an important meeting and event rental site for corporate, civic, private, and community arts groups.

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