

For Immediate Release

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## **“Life is a CABARET my friend!”**

The Two Of Us Productions, a local theater company based in Copake NY, is pleased to return to live in-person theater with **CABARET**, the award winning musical drama by Joe Masteroff, with music by John Kander & lyrics by Fred Ebb. Performances are Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and the following weekend of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Presented in the intimate Copake Grange Theater in Copake NY, you don't want to miss this true tale of bigotry, intolerance, religious prejudice, and social upheaval.

At its heart **CABARET** is a dramatic commentary told through three parallel story lines: the younger couple who are denying reality, the "toast of Mayfair" Fraulein Sally Bowles and the aspiring novelist Cliff Bradshaw from America; a dramatic & gently romantic sub-plot of love denied in the endearing older couple Fraulein Schneider & Herr Schultz; and the social commentary of the Master Of Ceremonies that was played by Joel Grey in the original production & by Alan Cummings in this 1998 version. The *Kit Kat Klub* performers that this show is so well known for work with the Master of Ceremonies in commenting on the dark cloud of National Socialism that is engulfing 1930's Germany & how the gathering storm is impacting the principle characters.

**CABARET** features Constance Lopez as the *Master of Ceremonies*, Betsy Rees as *Sally Bowles*, Stephen Foust as *Cliff Bradshaw*, Benita Zahn as *Fraulein Schneider*, Fred Sirois as *Herr Schultz*, Brian Yorck as *Ernst Ludwig*, Andrew Stein as *Klub owner Max*, and Candace Wood as the always hospitable *Fraulein Kost*. **CABARET** also features a dynamite group of singers & dancers on-stage at the *Kit Kat Klub*, including Karissa Payson as *Helga*, Cathy Hunt Wheelock as *Frenchie*, Debra Tice Hughes as *Texas*, Lauren Wicks as *Rosie*, Emily Fuller as *Lulu*, Fran Martino as *Bobby*, Matt Leinung as *Hans*, and Black Schober as *Victor*. The *Kit Kat Klub* orchestra will be on-stage live & in-person, so *Sally Bowles* really means it when she says “*come hear the band!*”

Performances of **CABARET** are 2 weekends only – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and the following weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees are at 3pm. The comfortable & intimate Theater at The Grange is located at The Copake Grange at 628 Empire Road in downtown Copake NY across from the Clocktower Pub. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students & seniors, and \$12 for groups & families. For advance reservations visit [www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org](http://www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org) or call 518-758-1648. Make your reservations early for the best seats on the date you want! Please note that for the safety of all of us we require proof-of-vaccination at the door, and we require that audience members be masked at all times while within the theater building. Our cast, orchestra & crew are all fully vaccinated.

The Two Of Us Productions is well known throughout the Hudson Valley for presenting quality theater, both musicals and dramas. Their recent productions of *Sweeney Todd*, *Chicago*, *Les Miserables*, *next to normal*, *Deathtrap*, *Lend Me A Tenor* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* were all recognized by the Theatre Association of NYS with multiple awards, including *outstanding work by the company*, *outstanding performance by the orchestra*, *excellence in direction*, and many *individual actor awards*.

These performances are supported with funds from *Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation*, *Stewart's Shops*, *Bank of Greene County*, *Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation*, *Greylock Federal Credit Union*, and *American Endowment Foundation*. This project is also made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by CREATE Council on the Arts.

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**WHAT:** *CABARET*, *The Musical Drama*, a dramatic commentary on the dark cloud of National Socialism that is engulfing 1930's Germany & how the gathering storm is impacting the principle characters. Presented by The Two Of Us Productions, the award winning theater company based in Columbia County NY, in collaboration with The Copake Grange.

**WHEN:** November, 12<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees are at 3pm.

- Fridays - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- Saturdays - Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- Sundays - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm

**WHERE:** The Theater at The Copake Grange, located at The Copake Grange on Empire Road in downtown Copake NY. Proof of COVID vaccination is required at the door & masks are required while inside the theater.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students & seniors, and \$12 for groups & families. For advance reservations visit [www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org](http://www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org) or call 518-758-1648. Make your reservations early to get the performance date you want!

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