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**It's Only A Play – the unexpected comedy by Terrence McNally ...
presented by The Two Of Us Productions**

The Two Of Us Productions, the award winning theater company based in Copake NY, is pleased to present *It's Only A Play*, the hilarious comedy by Terrence McNally that was nominated for both a Tony & Drama Desk award. Performances are May 10th through 19th, 2024 in the Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library in Claverack NY. You don't want to miss this comedic yet true-to-life story of producing a new play on Broadway, sitting in pins & needles for your opening night reviews to be published!

It's the opening night of *The Golden Egg* on Broadway, and wealthy producer *Julia Budder* is throwing an opening night bash in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews. The group includes the excitable playwright; the possibly unstable wunderkind director; the pill-popping leading lady, treading the boards after becoming infamous in Hollywood; and the playwright's best friend, for whom the play was written but who passed up this production for a television series. Add to this a drama critic who's panned the playwright in the past and a new-in-town aspiring singer, and you have a prime recipe for the narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality that infuse the theatre—and for comedy. But don't worry: This play is sure to be the hit they have all been hoping for!

It's Only A Play features Mark Leinung as playwright *Peter Austin*, Constance Lopez as producer *Julia Budder*, Brian Yorck as theater critic *Ira Drew*, Bill Solley as director *Frank Finger*, Jackie DiGorgis as star actor *Virginia Noyes*, Fred Sirois as best friend *James Wicker*, and Karissa Payson as fresh off the farm hired-help *Augusta (Gus) Head*.

Performances of *It's Only A Play* are 2 weekends only – May 10th, 11th, 12th, and the following weekend of May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2024. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees are at 3pm. The comfortable & intimate Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library is located at 629 NY-23B, Claverack, NY 12513, right on the corner of Rt. 23 & Rt. 9H. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for Students & Seniors. Please call for Group Rates. For advance reservations visit www.TheTwoOfUsProductions.org or call 518-758-1648. Make your reservations early for the best seats on the date you want!

The Two Of Us Productions is well known throughout the Hudson Valley for presenting quality theater, both musicals and dramas. Their recent productions of *Cabaret*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Lady And The Clarinet*, *Sweeney Todd*, *A Shayna Maidel*, *Chicago*, *Les Miserables*, *next to normal*, *Deathtrap*, 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*, *Key Bank Foundation* and *The Ackerman Fund*. This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a program of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and

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