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“The Man*O*Pause Boys” Come Home to the Ritz



July 11, 2017 - Following sold-out performances in NYC, CA, and NJ, Billy Van Zandt & Jane Milmore bring their new musical-comedy “The Man*O*Pause Boys” to the Ritz Company Playhouse for three performances on Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th. (“Cancel whatever else you have happening in your life and buy a ticket! You will thank me!” On the Village Green).

“The Man*O*Pause Boys” takes a comical look at men adjusting to male man*o*pause. Through such songs as “My Prostate is the Size of a Buick”, “I Just Took a Pill Called Viagra”, “My God I Am My Father”, “My Get Up and Go Just Got Up and Went”, and “In Praise of the Older Woman”, the production reaches the conclusion that 50 is the new funny! (“Wincingly funny! A laugh from start to finish!” The Journal)



The show stars Billy Van Zandt, along with Glenn Jones, Tom Frascatore, and Jeff Babey. Music is by Wayland Pickard. Book and lyrics are by Van Zandt & Jane Milmore.

Van Zandt and Milmore are no strangers to the Ritz. Their international hit comedy “Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.” was produced at the theater in 1979. Since then the Ritz has produced most of the Van Zandt-Milmore library. Local audience favorites included “Drop Dead”, “Playing Doctor”, “Merrily We Dance and Sing”, and “You’ve Got Hate Mail”, which the authors performed at the Ritz in person.



Van Zandt and Milmore, authors of 25 plays published worldwide with Samuel French are best known for their Off-Broadway comedies. The NY Times has called them "A riot" and of Van Zandt NJ's Asbury Park Press said, "If you've never seen this clown at work, you should be ashamed of yourself."

Their work in television has garnered them Emmy nominations, People Choice Awards, Prism Awards, and NAACP Image Awards for such shows as "Newhart" with Bob Newhart; "Suddenly Susan" with Brooke Shields; "Martin" with Martin Lawrence; "The Wayans Bros."; and "Daddy Dearest" with Don Rickles.



Composer Wayland Pickard is an award-winning composer and headline entertainer. A national recording artist and published playwright, Wayland is also an Ace Award nominee, Cine Golden Eagle Award winner, and a Billboard Song Finalist.

Jones, Frascatore, and Babey are members of the Unofficial Van Zandt-Milmore Rep company, a group of actors and comedians that have performed the NJ-based Van Zandt-Milmore comedies for over thirty years. Beth Moore is the musical director. Choreography is by Michele Mossay. Technical Director is Jen Lucero. The evening is produced by the Ritz Company Playhouse with co-producer Noel Kubel.

"The Man*O*Pause Boys" plays two days only, Friday, August 4th at 8:00pm, and Saturday, August 5th with a matinee at 2:30pm and evening performance at 8:00pm. The Ritz is located at 512 Keystone Street in Hawley. For ticket information please contact the theater at 570-226-9752 or on the Ritz website at www.ritzplayhouse.com. You can also visit Van Zandt/Milmore at www.vanzandtmilmore.com

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