

Neil Simon's

Hilarious Comedy

The ODD Couple

(Female Version)



Directed by Sue Evans

The original stage play that inspired the movie starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, performed by Henley in Arden Drama Society

**Memorial Hall
Station Road
Henley in Arden**

**Wednesday 12th to
Saturday 15th of April 2006**

Curtain 7:30 pm

Programme - 50p

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The Odd Couple

Written by Neil Simon for the Broadway stage, and later adapted for the screen with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, this female version set in the eighties, though echoing the theme of the movie, is completely fresh.

Portraying the hapless and unkempt Olive Madison being driven insane by her fastidious and hypochondria-ridden pal, Florence Unger, who moves in to Olive's New York apartment, following a rather acrimonious marriage breakdown.

The play follows the gradual deterioration of their once blooming friendship, struggling to live under the same roof with their totally incongruous lifestyles.

The lead pair are wonderfully assisted by their group of well meaning pals, whose regular meeting for a game of Trivial Pursuits is endangered by Florence's house proud antics.

The play is punctuated by an amusing respite involving a couple of Spanish guys brought in to their lives by Olive, in the hope that it may 'spice-up' their man-free existence.

The action is fast and furious and sums up the hustle and bustle of New York life. We make no apologies for the use of the American language in this play, where such words as "Gipper" and "Saran Wrap" even after three months of rehearsal, still continue to cause some confusion!

We do hope you enjoy this production and support the task being taken on by cast and crew in bringing this show to Henley.

Sue Evans
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CAST

(In order of appearance)

Sylvie/Sheena Ison
Mickey/Kate Castle
Renee/Eunice Bagshaw
Vera/Krystyna Aukstolis
Olive Madison/Rosie Hammond
Florence Unger/Catriona McDonald
Manolo Costazuela/Phil Walker
Jesus Costazuela/Ray Evans

PRODUCTION

Direction & Production/Sue Evans

Artistic Director/Sue Evans
Lighting Design/Tony Capps
Stage Manager/Sue Tootill
Lighting Operator/Ian Smedley
Sound Design/John Shuttleworth
Sound Operator/Kate Portman
Properties/Marjorie Earnshaw, Wendy German
and Lesley Capps
Set Design-Build/Kevin Allen, Phil Walker
and Ray Evans
Prompt/Mandy Key
Costumes/Sue Evans
Publicity/Ray Evans
Roadside Billboards/Bryan Castle
FOH/Marijana Bainbridge
Refreshments/The 'A' Team
Box Office/Bryan Castle/Brian Hammond

The action takes place in Olive Madison's
Riverside Drive apartment, New York.

Time – the eighties

ACT I

A hot summer night

ACT II

Scene 1/Two weeks later at 11:00 pm.

Scene 2/A few days later, 8:00 pm.

Scene 3/The following evening, 7:30 pm