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Theatre's Gone to the Dogs in Santa Cruz!

WHO: Jewel Theatre Company

WHAT: SYLVIA by A. R. Gurney

WHERE: Actors' Theatre, 1001 Center Street, Santa Cruz

WHEN: Preview night Thursday, August 20 at 8:00 p.m. Opening Night Friday, August 21 at 8:00 p.m. Show runs through Sunday, August 30

Tickets available through the on-line box office at www.jeweltheatre.net or call 831-454-1143.

SHOWTIMES: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices: Preview night all tickets \$20; all other performances Adult \$25, Senior/Student \$22

SPECIAL DOGGIE PARTNER: During the run of SYLVIA, Jewel Theatre will be donating doggie goods to the Santa Cruz SPCA. Audience members who wish to contribute can bring old blankets or towels, new squeaky toys, greenies, or Advantage Flea meds, put them in the designated bin and Jewel Theatre will deliver it to the SPCA.



(This play contains some adult language equivalent to PG13)

Jewel Theatre Company opens its 2009/2010 season with the “howlingly funny” play, SYLVIA by A.R. Gurney. Greg and Kate have been married over 20 years, have gotten their kids off to college, and Greg suddenly finds himself in the throes of a mid-life crisis. But rather than have an affair or buy a hot sports car, Greg brings home Sylvia, a stray dog he found in the park. Greg bonds instantly with Sylvia and finds new life-affirming inspiration through her and their relationship. Meanwhile, Kate tries to put her foot down about no dogs and Greg’s refusal to give up Sylvia sets up a somewhat zany battle of the sexes and a battle of the species.

Through sometimes hilarious, sometimes poignant scenes, this amazing play answers the question: What if your dog could talk? The NY Daily News stated "I can only call it one of the most involving, beautiful, funny, touching and profound plays I have ever seen..." BackStage said "Gurney's mad comedy is the most endearing good time to trot down the pike in many a moon. Howlingly funny..."

The production is directed by Diana Torres Koss, with Lighting design by Mark Hopkins, Costumes by Sheila Savage, and Sound design by John Koss. The cast features Shaun Carroll*, Diahanna Davidson, J.T. Holmstrom* and Julie James.*

“Anyone who knows a dog will relate to this play” says director Diana Torres Koss. “It puts the spotlight on our amazing, amusing, and sometimes obsessive, relationships with canines. A.R. Gurney has captured the essence of a dog’s attitude and holds it up as entertainment and inspiration. Come prepared to laugh out loud, then go home thinking about your dog a little differently.”

SYLVIA will play August 20 through August 30, at the Actors’ Theatre at 1001 Center Street in Santa Cruz. Performance times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 2pm. For tickets and information, visit the JTC website at www.jeweltheatre.net or call 831-454-1143.

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