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Are You Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

The Los Altos Stage Company is proud to present Edward Albee's Tony Award winning masterpiece, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* The hilariously dark martial war of words opens April 9 and runs through May 3, 2015.

On the campus of a small New England university the once loving but now embittered and battle-scarred middle-aged couple, George and Martha, entertain a new young professor and his wife following a late night faculty party. Over the course of the evening the unwitting guests are drawn into a three act tour de force of humiliation, frustration and manipulation that will leave everyone's cards face-up on the table and a marriage in tatters. Marital strife has never been so wickedly fun as the sharp tongued dysfunctional couple discover inventive ways to get under the other's skin, building to a climax that still leaves audience aghast.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? premiered on Broadway in late 1962 and went on to win both the Tony Award and the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for Best Play. Hailed at the time as "a brilliant original work of art" (Newsweek), the numerous award winning revivals over the past half century have proven that the play still packs the same punch it delivered in its debut. The play's author, Edward Albee, has received three Pulitzer Prizes for drama and was selected by the award's drama jury for *Virginia Woolf?* but was overruled by the advisory committee which elected not to give a drama award at all that year because of the play's then controversial use of profanity and sexual themes.

The Los Altos Stage Company's production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* is directed by Virginia Drake who most recently directed our 2012/2013 production of *On Golden Pond*. This production features a talented ensemble of Bus Barn Theater veterans, as well as one new face, including:

Kristin Brownstone as Martha
Tom Gough as George
Warren Wernick as Nick
Sarah Benjamin as Honey

Performances are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm (**please note special early start time**) and Sunday matinees at 3 pm. Ticket prices range from \$18 (student) to \$34. Opening Night tickets, including a reception with the artists, are \$36. Tickets are available on-line at www.losaltosstage.org or by calling the Box Office at (650) 941-0551.

The Los Altos Stage Company is a quintessential American neighborhood playhouse, serving Los Altos and the greater South Bay area, and paying tribute to the full canon of American musicals, comedies, and dramas. This 19-year-old theater company strives to bring together a diversity of theater enthusiasts, practitioners, and supporters to create, explore and celebrate the rich tapestry of American culture and experience through live theater. The Los Altos Stage produces five to six shows annually at its intimate 99-seat theater located on the Los Altos Civic Center campus.

If you'd like more information about *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, press tickets or to schedule an interview, please call Gary Landis, Executive Director at Tel: 650-941-5070/Cell: 415-269-7349 or email Gary at garylendis@losaltosstage.org.

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Calendar Listing

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf

April 9 – May 3, 2015

Los Altos Stage Company - Bus Barn Theater

Marital strife has never been so wickedly fun. George and Martha, a sharp-tongued and dysfunctional couple, invite a new young professor and his wife over for cocktails following a late night faculty party. Over the course of the evening, the unwitting guests are drawn into a tour de force of humiliation, frustration and manipulation that will leave everyone's cards face-up on the table and a marriage in tatters.

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