

TheatreZone launching 2022 season with three January productions

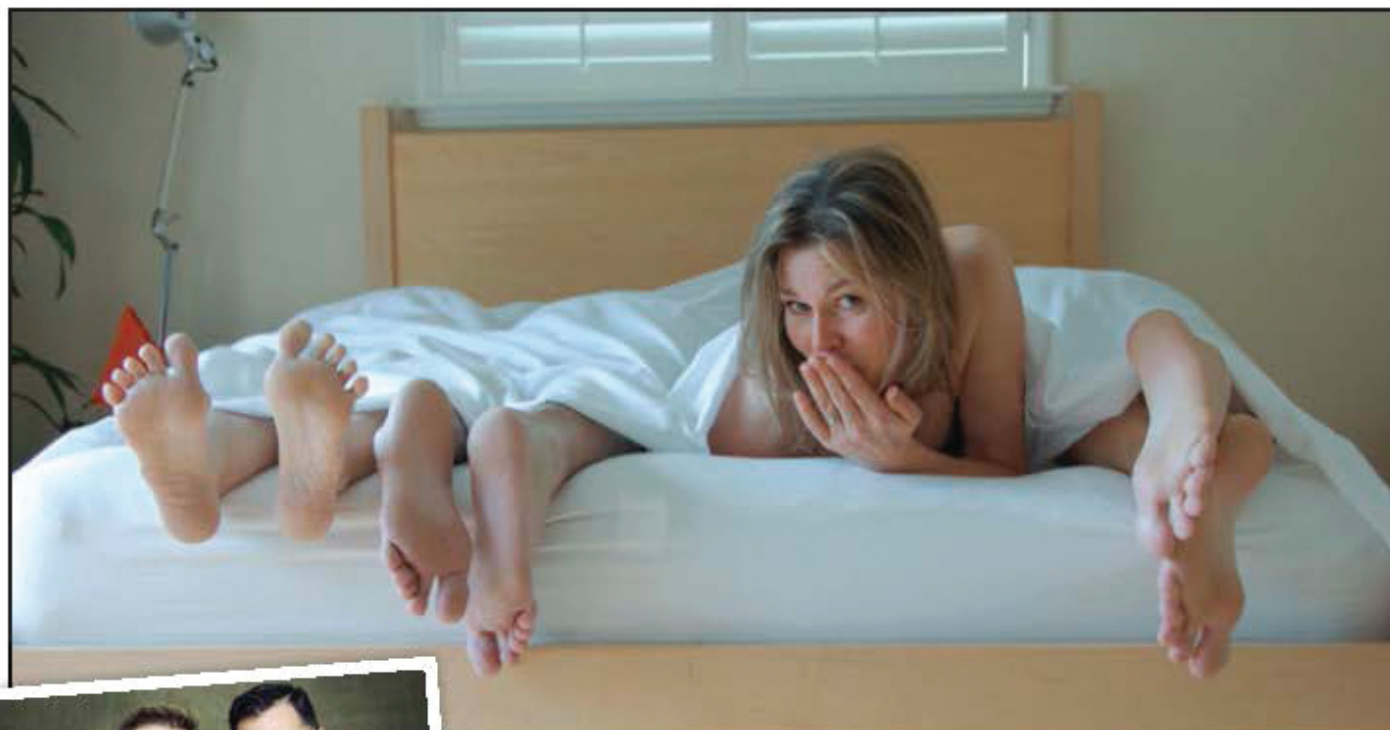
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TheatreZone, Naples' professional Equity theater, launches 2022 with three January productions: a 1970s satire of the sexual revolution, Simon & Garfunkel's epic Central Park concert, and the world premiere of a little-known Frank Sinatra life event.

First up is, **"I Love My Wife"** (Jan. 13-23), praised by TheatreZone's founder and artistic director Mark Danni as "the most wildly funny show I have ever seen." It is a hysterical satire of the sexual revolution of the 1970s. The musical takes place on Christmas Eve in suburban Trenton, N.J., where two married couples contemplate a menage-a-quatre. The musicians are on stage as a Greek chorus, commenting on the action in multiple elaborate costumes for a truly innovative performance. Show dates are 7:30 p.m. from Jan. 13 through 23; and 2 p.m. on January 16, 17, 22 and 23.

On Jan. 17, TheatreZone presents two performances of **"Simon & Garfunkel: Live in Central Park, revisited."** The musical recalls the September 1981 free benefit concert given by the folk-rock duo in New York City's Central Park. It drew a half a million people and became the seventh-largest concert to date in U.S. history. The set list includes hits such as "The Sound of Silence," "Mrs. Robinson," "The Boxer," and "Late in the Evening." Performances are 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 17.

Rounding out January's lineup is the Jan. 29 world premiere of **"The Feud: Sinatra & Roselli, 2 Guys from Hoboken."** The poignant story focuses on the 40-year professional and personal feud between Frank Sinatra and



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ABOVE: *I Love My Wife* kicks off TheatreZone's 2022 season. LEFT: Johnny Rodgers and Lee Lessack star in *Simon & Garfunkel* at TheatreZone.



Jimmy Roselli, two great singers who lived on the same block in Hoboken, N.J. The Feud was written by Dennis DelleFave, Roselli's cousin and road manager, in collaboration with TheatreZone's Mark Danni. Sinatra, 10 years Roselli's senior, achieved suc-

cess first, reputedly with mob backing which Roselli refused, opting to represent himself at smaller nightclub venues. Roselli achieved great renown in the Italian American community. "The Feud's got it all: the great Sinatra songbook, Italian songs that Roselli made famous, and much more from the '40s through the '70s," said Mark Danni. The performance is staged at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 29.

Show tickets may be purchased at TheatreZone/Shows and are \$50-\$85

per person depending on show and seat selection.

TheatreZone is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to enriching the cultural offerings in Southwest Florida by presenting professional theatrical productions and educating students of all ages to appreciate and engage in the performing arts. TheatreZone is located at the G&L Theatre on the Community School of Naples campus. Call 888-966-3352, ext. 1, or visit <https://theatrezone.org>. ■