

Say hello to TheatreZone's presentation of The Goodbye Girl

TheatreZone continues to explore romance with the award-winning Neil Simon musical comedy *The Goodbye Girl* in Naples March 9-19, as part of the professional theatre company's "Romantics & Rockers" 2023 lineup. The 12-production run takes place in the G&L Theatre located on Livingston Road between Pine Ridge and Vanderbilt Beach Roads, on the campus of the Community School of Naples.

"The Goodbye Girl is a musical adventure about romantic disappointments, triumphs, love and commitment," says TheatreZone's Founding Artistic Director Mark Danni, who selected Simon's musical comedy for TheatreZone's 18th season.

The Goodbye Girl is Neil Simon's 1993 adaptation of his Academy Award-nominated 1977 film starring Marsha Mason and Richard Dreyfus, who won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in the film. The Broadway production starred Martin Short and Bernadette Peters and received five Tony Award nominations and won the Drama Desk Award for outstanding score for a musical.

The music was composed by the legendary Marvin Hamlisch (A Chorus Line) with lyrics by David Zippel (City of Angels) to create a score that includes the vibrant “A Beat Behind,” the emotionally charged “I Think I Can Play This Part” and the witty “Elliott Garfield Grant.”

The Goodbye Girl's plot centers on a struggling actor, Elliot Garfield, who sublets a small Manhattan apartment. The twist? The apartment is already occupied by a recently jilted and unemployed dancer, Paula McFadden, and her precocious young daughter, Lucy. The musical ex-



plores the progression of the relationships between the characters as they strive for successful show business careers.

New York City-based talent was tapped for the two lead roles. Stephanie Bishop, a former Radio City Rockette, plays, appropriately, the role of dancer Paula McFadden. Matthew Kroh, a prolific performer of stage and screen, is down-on-his-luck Elliot Garfield.

Making a fifth star turn on the TheatreZone stage is Kylie Gust as Lucy Mc-



Stephanie Bishop

Fadden. Gust is an eighth-grade student at Community School of Naples and has been mentored by TheatreZone co-founders Mark and Karen Danni since she was 8 years old. The young star performs, records, and produces music and has already released two albums.

Paige Miles, a 2010 American Idol finalist and former Community School of Naples student, plays Mrs. Crosby, the manager of the apartment building where much of the show's action takes place.

The comedy adventure will be directed by Mark Danni, choreographed by Karen Molnar Danni, with music direction by Flint Hawes. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. March 9-12 and March 16-19, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. March 11-12 and March 18-19.



Matthew Krob


Tickets range from \$50 to \$85, depending on choice of seat.

For tickets and information, visit www.Theatre.Zone or call the box office at 888-966-3352.

TheatreZone, celebrating its 18th season in 2022-2023, stages its musical productions in the intimate 250-seat G&L Theatre located in Naples at 13275 Livingston Road, between Pine Ridge and Vanderbilt Beach Roads, in a dedicated building nestled within the campus of the Community School of Naples.

TheatreZone's contract with the Actors' Equity Association ensures access to the best actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and stage management professionals from throughout the country. The nonprofit, 501(c)(3) was established in 2005 by Mark Danni and Karen Molnar Danni, who have both enjoyed successful careers on Broadway and Off-Broadway. ■

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