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**"LOST IN YONKERS" CONTINUES VILLAGE PLAYERS STRONG SEASON OF NEW
AMERICAN CLASSICS INTO 2010**

(Oak Park, IL) The new year coincides perfectly with Village Players Theatre's season of New American Classics in it's mainstage theatre. Audiences will be touched and entertained by our first offering, "Lost In Yonkers", the story of an American family across three generations. The show opens on Saturday, January 16th, 2010.

Two young brothers are forced to fend for themselves when their ne'er do well father leaves them with their tyrannical grandmother, who rules her home and candy store with an iron will. Along with their sweet but simple-minded aunt and mysterious gangster uncle, the boys learn about old wounds and new beginnings. Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning masterwork is a comical and poignant look at family ties.

Directed by Brian Rabinowitz, the cast includes Steven Camara, Paul Chakrin, Stephanie Ganacopolos, Katherine Glavin, Deanna Norman, Andrew Raia and Jake Walczyk. Designers include Annalee Johnson (props), John List (sound), Camden Peterson (lights) Annette Vargas (set) and Emma Weber(costumes). Lisa Tiess is the Assistant Director. Michelle Springer is the stage manager.

"Lost In Yonkers" continues the mainstage season of New American Classics. The season started with "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The show, directed by Jack Hickey, opened on October 17th to rave reviews from the Wednesday Journal and DiningChicago.com. Following "Lost In Yonkers" is the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "A Chorus Line" by Marvin Hamlisch, Edward Kleban, James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante (Mar 12--Apr 25, 2010). Watch a dance audition turn into a whirlwind of confession and self discovery. The season will end with Christopher Durang's comedy "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" directed by Village Players' Artistic Director Dan Taube (May 7--June 27, 2010). The only son of a divorced couple looks back to see what went wrong between his parents during their marriage, and what finally went right.

"Lost In Yonkers" will preview on Friday, January 15th 2010, at 8pm with \$15 tickets. It will open on Saturday, January 16th at 8pm and will run until February 21st, 2010. Performances will be on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 3pm. All performances will be found at the Village Players Performing Arts Center, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. The theater is near the Harlem exit of I-290 and is also accessible by the CTA Green and Blue lines. Plenty of parking is available on the street. The theatre is handicapped accessible but please do call ahead to arrange for special seating. To make a reservation, please call the box office at 866-764-1010, view our website at www.village-players.org, or visit the theater (the box office is open Tuesday through Friday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm).

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About Village Players:

Village Players Theater, a non-profit organization founded in 1961, promotes the arts through theatrical productions and educational programs that encourage cultural understanding and embrace diversity in the Village of Oak Park and the surrounding communities. Village Players Theater is proud to be a vibrant part of Oak Park's cultural history, promoting a creative spirit that comes alive in its productions and educational

programs. Each production features some of Chicagoland's most promising and talented professional performers and designers. Village Players Theatre is a member of the League of Chicago Theatres and the West Suburban Theatre Connection.