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OUT OF POCKET PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Sylvia

*A.R. Gurney's romantic comedy is first of three offerings by
Out of Pocket Productions*

August 4, 2010. Rochester, N.Y. – Geva Theatre Center is delighted to welcome Out of Pocket Productions for their first visit to the Nextstage since TheatreFest with *Sylvia*, A.R. Gurney's modern romantic comedy about marriage and a dog.

Greg and Kate have moved to Manhattan after years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg's career is winding down, while Kate's career, as a public-school English teacher, is beginning to offer her more opportunities. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park (or that has found him) which becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife opening up a Pandora's box of hilarious and touching complications.

Buffalo native A.R. Gurney is the playwright of over 40 plays including *The Dining Room* and *Love Letters*, and is the author of several novels. His newest play, *The Grand Manner*, about his real-life encounter with another Buffalonian – the great thespian Katherine Cornell, is currently garnering rave reviews for its Lincoln Center production.

Out of Pocket Productions was founded by Irondequoit resident and theatre professional, Stephanie Roosa. Out of Pocket Productions is a not-for-profit theatre group dedicated to raising money for charitable organizations by drawing on the considerable talents of the Rochester theatre community through performances, productions and workshops. Proceeds from this production of *Sylvia* will benefit Lollypop Farm, The Humane Society of Greater Rochester.

Lollypop Farm, The Humane Society of Greater Rochester is committed to building lifelong bonds between people and animals through education, community outreach programs and the prevention of cruelty. They envision a time when our community celebrates the human-animal bond; embraces the mutual benefits therein;

and treats all fellow beings with care, compassion, and respect. Their core values unify and guide them to provide the best service to the animals, their community and their organization.

Sylvia stars local actors David Jason Kyle, Linda Loy, Lorelei Mellon, and Jason Mincer. Stephanie Roosa directs.

Sylvia is the first of three productions that Out of Pocket Productions will be producing in the Nextstage this coming season.

TICKET PRICES: **\$20 for Adults, \$15 for Students and Seniors**

RESERVATIONS: **232-Geva or via the website: www.gevatheatre.org**

LOCATION: **Geva Theatre Center, 75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607**

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: Thursday, August 26 @ 7:00pm
 Friday, August 27 @ 7:00pm
 Saturday, August 28 @ 7:00pm
 Sunday, August 29 @ 1:30pm
 Thursday, September 2 @ 7:00pm
 Friday, September 3 @ 7:00pm
 Saturday, September 4 @ 7:00pm
 Sunday, September 5 @ 1:30pm

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GEVA THEATRE CENTER

Geva Theatre Center is Rochester's leading professional theatre and the most attended regional theatre in New York State. Founded in 1972, Geva attracts over 170,000 patrons annually, including more than 16,000 students. The 552-seat Elaine P. Wilson Mainstage offers a wide variety of shows, from musicals to American and world classics.

The 180-seat Ron & Donna Fielding Nextstage is home to Geva's own series of cutting-edge drama, comedy and musical theatre; Geva Comedy Improv; Geva's New Play Reading Series and the Hornet's Nest - an innovative play-reading series facilitating community-wide discussion on controversial topics. The Nextstage also hosts visiting companies of both local and international renown.

Geva Theatre Center offers a wide variety of educational, outreach and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Since 1995 the organization has been led by Artistic Director Mark Cuddy.

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