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# ***Round and Round the Garden***

a comedy **Alan Ayckbourn**

Directed by **Sandra Provost**

*in English*

**"Superb comic trilogy..." - London Sunday Times**

**Winner! 2009 Tony® Award for Best Revival of a Play**

**Winner! 2009 Drama Desk Awards and Outer Critics Circle Awards for  
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***Join us for this witty and clever comedy  
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## **ABOUT THE PLAY & AUTHOR**

***Round and Round the Garden*** is a 1973 play by the Olivier, Tony and Moliere Award winning British playwright Sir Alan Ayckbourn, who has written 89 full length plays, many of which have been produced in London's West End and New York as well as around the world. His work has been translated into over 35 languages, is performed on stage and television throughout the world and has won countless awards. As an acclaimed director, he has worked extensively in the West End and at the National Theatre. He was the Artistic Director of the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough, from 1972 to 2009, where the majority of his work was launched.

***Round and Round the Garden*** is one of the plays in ***The Norman Conquests*** trilogy, which together form one of Ayckbourn's most popular works. The Norman Conquests trilogy is composed of three plays that cover a hilariously traumatic family weekend in an English country house from the vantage point of three different areas: dining room, living room and garden. Each play is complete in itself and can be played alone, or as a group they can be performed in any order. The plays were first performed in Scarborough in 1973, before runs in London and on Broadway. A television version was first broadcast in the UK in 1977. ***Round and Round the Garden*** covers the action that takes place in garden.

The small scale of the amusing drama is typical of Ayckbourn. The story revolves around six characters, namely Norman, his wife Ruth, her brother Reg and his wife Sarah, Ruth's sister Annie, and Tom, Annie's

next-door-neighbour. **The play is wildly comic and at times poignant in the portrayal of the relationships among the six characters, their stories unveiled and the developments that take place.**

The premise is that Annie lives in a countryside house taking care of her demanding mother, and has decided that she needs a weekend off. Reg and Sarah have agreed to come and take care of Annie's & Reg's mother for a week-end, while Annie goes on a short trip. However, there is more to this trip than is being revealed. Things go wrong when Norman shows up and everybody ends up at the house for the entire week-end, with various hilarious arguments ensuing, while the characters have differing degrees of understanding about what's actually happening.

**Mismatched relationships and cleverly crafted misunderstandings! *Round and Round the Garden* is Humour and Entertainment at its finest!**

## **Teatro Le Salette**

Vicolo del Campanile 14 (located between Borgo Pio and Via della Conciliazione)

Nearest Bus stops: 23, 34, 40, 982 - Nearest metro stop Ottaviano (10 minute walking distance)

Nearby pay parking on Via Del Falco 36 (except Sundays)

## **PERFORMANCES**

**Wednesday to Friday 8-10 February 2023 at 7.30 PM**

**Saturday and Sunday 11-12 February 2023 at 5.00 PM**

## **CAST (in order of appearance)**

Shane Harnett, Fabiana De Rose, Robert Peter Parker, John Calderone, Rebecca Harold, Elizabeth Christy

**TICKETS:** 15€ full; reduced 12€ (students)

(+2€ theatre season card)

**BOOKING & INFO:** [playsinrome@yahoo.com](mailto:playsinrome@yahoo.com) or 347-8248661

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