

**Press Release**

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**PLAYERS OF UTICA'S PRESENTED  
NEIL SIMON'S FEMALE VERSION OF THE ODD COUPLE  
TO SOLD OUT AUDIENCES IN CLINTON!**

**Utica, NY** – Patrons and fans traveled from as far away as Albany, NY to The Kirkland Art Center to see the antics of Unger and Madison past weekend; Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of *The Odd Couple*.

"With only four performances and the more intimate venue at The Kirkland Art Center, it was difficult to seat everyone. We sold out every performance!" said Players of Utica's President, Vince Scalise. "As much as we don't want to turn people away at the door, we had to this time. I suppose it's a good problem to have," says Scalise.

The cast welcomed many new and talented actors to the Players of Utica stage alongside of a few veterans; Eric Almleaf - "Manolo", Nicki Jones - "Vera", Holly Darrah - "Mickey", James Davall - "Jesus", Kristy Mandour - "Florence", Pat Palmisano - "Renee", Marissa Perkins - "Olive", Maureen Winslow - "Silvie".

The Odd Couple (female version) was the third installment of the 2009-2010 Season.

The 2009-2010 Season continues with musical comedy "THE MAD SHOW", June 17-20 & 26, live on stage. This insanely funny and tuneful musical ran for two years off-Broadway in 1966. The zany humor spoofs everything from TV commercials, to the generation gap, to the Academy Awards. It has music by Mary Rodgers and lyrics by Marshall Barer. This will be the first official production in the new Players of Utica Theatre. Tickets will be on sale soon at [www.playersofutica.org](http://www.playersofutica.org).

"THE MAD SHOW" is the final production for the 2010 Season and replaces "PROMISES. PROMISES." which had been scheduled for production at Utica College. Those plans changed as a result of the Special Olympics being hosted in Utica.

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**About Players of Utica:** Players of Utica, a non-profit community theatre, has been continuously producing shows in Central NY since 1913. We have entertained more than 1 million individuals with first-class community theatre. Players of Utica is an equal opportunity community theatre organization.

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