



**News Release**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents**  
***Barefoot in the Park***  
*By Neil Simon*

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Repertory Theatre presents the fun, humorous favorite, ***Barefoot in the Park***, from Dec. 12, 2021 – Jan. 16, 2022 on the Hanover Tavern stage.

This ever popular play is a delightful Neil Simon comedy about young newlyweds adjusting to living with each other in their tiny, fifth-floor walk-up in New York City. Corie is an effervescent free spirit. Paul, her polar opposite, is conservative, grounded and somewhat overwhelmed by his new wife's joie de vivre. Everything comes to a comic head when Corie sets up a blind date between her dour mother, Ethel, and their exotic neighbor, Victor Velasco. A wild evening ensues, and the young couple learns they must accept and embrace their differences.

"We're excited to reprise this show (last presented in 2005) at Hanover Tavern for the holidays! Our previous run attracted sold-out crowds and left the Tavern bursting with merriment," Managing Director Phil Whiteway said.

"We are welcoming back actors **Joy Williams** (as Ethel) and **Joe Pabst** (as Victor) to this production to play their original roles, as well as scenic designer **Terrie Powers**, who has created many, many outstanding sets for our Hanover productions," he added.

**Rachel Rose Gilmour** plays Corie. She moved to Richmond in 2016, and has acted in local TV commercials and in 5th Wall Theatre's "The Toxic Avenger," Quill Theatre's "The Great Gatsby," RTP's "Sondheim on Sondheim," and most recently, "Forbidden Broadway" at Dogwood Dell.

**Trevor Lawson**, who recently captivated audiences in Virginia Rep's production of "Pipeline," plays new husband Paul. Trevor is from Newport News and is a 2021 VCU graduate with a B.F.A. in Theatre Performance.

The action takes place on the top floor of a brownstone on East 48<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City at about 5:30 pm on a cold February afternoon. "Barefoot in the Park" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

The creative team and cast list is below.

### **Direction & Design**

Direction	Jan Guarino
Scenic Design	Terrie Powers
Costume Design	Sue Griffin, Marcia Miller Hailey
Lighting Design	Matt Landwehr
Sound Design	Jacob Mishler
Stage Management	Sam Shahinian
Assistant Stage Management	Amber Hooper

### **Cast**

Corie Bratter	Rachel Rose Gilmour
Paul Bratter	Trevor Lawson
Ethel Banks	Joy Williams
Victor Velasco	Joe Pabst
Telephone Repair Man	Quan Chau
Delivery Man	Eric Williams
Understudy	Terri Moore

### **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Tickets are \$48. (Prices subject to change during the run.)

Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

## **Press**

The show is presented in three acts, running about 2.5 hours with two intermissions

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## **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Virginia Rep's Children's Season, the Hanover Tavern Season, and the Theatre Gym Season produced in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company. Virginia Rep also tours, both virtually and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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