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Inland Stage Presents 'Communicating Doors'

The Inland Stage Company features Alan Ayckbourn's comedy/mystery "Communicating Doors," directed by Jim Marbury.

"The characters truly have an old-time charm to them," Marbury said. "It harkens back to the British Noir Films of the 1930s and 40s."

The cast includes many seasoned members of the ISC Acting Company.

Mark Rogers plays Reece Welles, Samantha Korich plays Poopay Dayseer, Gabriel Diaz plays Harlord Palmer, and Marbury is performing as Julian.

There are also two newcomers to Inland Stage.

"The ever-so-charming Evette Phillips and Laura Cherland who is luminescent in her portrayal of Reulla," Marbury said.

The play opens in the year 2026 - Reece is an ill, old man who is being "cared for" by his longtime friend, Julian. Julian is the bad guy who is really keeping Reece away from other people. Reece asks for a prostitute (under the guise of being old and on his last leg) - so Phoebe comes to the hotel room of the very wealthy Reece to perform her Dominatrix services.

Once alone with Phoebe Reese begs her to witness his confession for the murders of his wives - Jessica and Ruella.

"There are many twists and a fantastic ending," Cherland said.

Cherland grew up in Hemet, attending Hemet High under the direction of Ron Murray and went on to study theater at Northern Arizona University.

"My family moved back to Hemet last year - my husband is now a theater teacher at Hemet High," Cherland said. "The role of Ruella is delightful - I have modeled her after my very English grandmother and I can relate to her motherly qualities in her interactions with Phoebe - who is the unlikely heroine of the show."

"Communicating Doors" plays at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 through 30. General Admission tickets are \$12, Senior tickets are \$10, Student tickets are \$7, and can be purchased on the website at www.inlandstage.org. Thursdays are 'Pay What You Can Night,' with a suggested \$5 donation

ISC also offers group rates and season tickets.

The Diamond Valley Art's Council's Esplanade Art Center is located at 2181 W. Esplanade Ave., San Jacinto, CA.

For more information or reservations, please call the box office at (951) 600-7273 x100.

Photo Caption: From left to right: Samantha Korich as "Poopay", Gabriel Diaz as "Harold", and Laura Cherland as "Ruella".

