

Playhouse Productions presents

WaistWatchers The Musical!

Opening this Friday, April 21

Running for 10 Weeks through June 25

Alan Jacobson's ever-popular musical about food, friendship and fun after forty comes to the historic Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA

Arlington, MA – April 17, 2017 - Playhouse Productions' producers Dana Matthow and Philip Roger Roy will bring Alan Jacobson's ***WaistWatchers The Musical!*** with music by Vince Di Mura to the historic Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA just minutes from downtown Boston for ten weeks this spring. The perennially popular musical will open this Friday, **April 21** and run through **June 25**.

Set in Cook's Women's Gym, ***WaistWatchers The Musical!*** takes a lighthearted look at four women 'of a certain age' dealing with assorted body image issues; it covers topics such as dieting, exercise, plastic surgery, and sex over the age of forty – areas of concern to women, and to men - of all ages.

"When I first wrote ***WaistWatchers The Musical!*** I was looking to create a fun show that people of all ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles could enjoy," the show's creator Alan Jacobson explained recently."

"I couldn't think of anything more universal and topical than food. I truly don't know anyone who doesn't eat it! And people sure talk about and obsess over it. What has given me the greatest satisfaction is seeing how people respond to the show," he says, "Not only with laughter and pleasure, but how so many people identify with the struggles, and are inspired to lead healthier lives. And to me, that is what theater is all about."

"And I'm extremely excited about the direction ***WaistWatchers*** has been going in," Jacobson continues. "I had produced it on my own for a few years quite successfully, but felt that to take it to the next level I needed to turn over the producing responsibilities to other producers...producers who shared my passion for the show, who share my vision and the direction I have always seen it going in, and who have the resources and connections to thrust it further into the national and international arena."

“Dana Matthow and Phil Roy were exactly the right producers,” he explains. “We just finished a 40-week national tour of the show, and though very successful, we still envision greater things. Together with our director, Matt Silva, and our composer Vince Di Mura’s score, we have added new choreography and staging, that we feel will be even more inventive and fun. “

The musical will exercise the considerable musical and comedic abilities of four talented actresses including: Krissy Johnson as Cheryl, Stephanie Genovese as Cindy, Kiley McDonald as Carla and Cambridge, MA resident Liliane Klein as Connie. Arlington’s also performs as part of the cast.

Matt Silva is the Director of this production of ***WaistWatchers The Musical!*** He also serves as Artistic Director of Playhouse Productions and directed the national touring companies of *Waistwatchers The Musical!* and *Old Jews Telling Jokes*. Other directing credits include *Hotel Suite*, *Rounding Third*, *The Love of the Nightingale*, *Crimes of Heart* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Di Mura serves as the productions musical director. **Dani Tucci- Juraga** is the choreographer the Boston run..

WaistWatchers The Musical! will run from April 21 - June 25 at the Regent Theatre, located at 7 Medford Street in Arlington MA. Tickets for ***WaistWatchers The Musical!*** are **\$40-\$65**. Group rates (12 or more) are also available. Tickets may be purchased on line at <http://waistwatchersthemusical.com> or by phone at **781-646-4849**. For group rates call **888-264-1788**.

WaistWatchers The Musical!

Book and Lyrics by Alan Jacobson

Music by Vince Di Mura

April 21 - June 25

Show Times:

Matinees – Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday at 2:00 PM

Thursday at 7:00 PM

Friday and Saturday at 8:00 PM

THE REGENT THEATRE:

7 Medford Street, Arlington, MA

<http://www.regenttheatre.com/>

<http://waistwatchersthemusical.com/>

Regent Theatre Boxoffice: 781-646-4849.

Group tickets: 888-264-1788.

For more information about *Waist Watchers The Musical* or Alan Jacobson, please visit <http://waistwatchersthemusical.com> , or contact Adam R. Klein 617-431-1174 (o)/617-504-6156 (C). Photographs and graphics available on request.

ABOUT PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS, INC.

Playhouse Productions, Inc is a theatrical producing company run by Dana Matthow and Philip Roger Roy. These life-long friends (or at least it feels that way!) are currently presenting national tours and regional productions of WAISTWATCHERS THE MUSICAL; BABY BOOMER BABY; OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES; MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN MY FATHER'S JEWISH & I'M IN THERAPY; YOU SAY TOMATO I SAY SHUT UP!; RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY OF WOMEN; NORA EPHRON'S LOVE LOSS & WHAT I WORE; BECOMING DR. RUTH; COOKING WITH THE CALAMARI SISTERS, GEFILTE FISH N' CHIPS and MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL. In New York City productions include MY SON THE WAITER - A JEWISH TRAGEDY for 15 months (& now on national tour). They also operate the 550 seat Penn's Landing Playhouse on the waterfront in Philadelphia where they recently produced Maurice Hines Is TAPPIN' THRU LIFE, and they now operate the PGA Arts Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida where they are currently presenting WAISTWATCHERS THE MUSICAL and MY SON THE WAITER. Their tour cities include Arlington, MA (Regent Theater), Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, PA, The George St. Playhouse in New Brunswick, NJ, The Mizner Park Arts Center in Boca Raton, The Library Theater in Huntington Beach, CA, The Colony Theater in Burbank, CA, the 14th Street Playhouse in Sacramento, CA, North Shore Center for the Arts in Skokie, IL, The Dairy Arts Center in Boulder, CO., Lakewood Cultural Center in Denver, San Diego Rep in SD, & the Herberger Theater in AZ, among others. The company often has four or five shows running simultaneously in different cities.

For information about all of their shows on tour, go to: www.PlayhouseInfo.com.