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Community Players kick off 97th season with 'Savannah Sipping Society'

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SPRINGFIELD — What do you do when you are feeling lost in life, and don't know which way to turn? You sign up for a hot yoga class, of course! That is the premise for "The Savannah Sipping Society," a new comedy that directors describe as "hilarious," and that will kick off the 97th season of the Springfield Community Players.

Several members of the Community Players were at the playhouse on South Street on Thursday, May 25, where the set was ready for rehearsal.

The Community Players have a huge and loyal following, according to Vice President Stephanie Rowe.

"We quite often sell out, which is a thrill," Rowe said.

"The Savannah Sipping Society," directed by SCP Treasurer Don Gray, shows the journey the

four women take when they decide to reclaim enthusiasm in their lives.

Randa, unexpectedly out of work, meets Dot, recently widowed in a new city, and Marlafaye, who is starting a new life in a new town after a divorce from her philandering husband, at a hot yoga class. The three quickly decide that hot yoga is definitely not their thing. Something clicks with them and this chance meeting leads to a happy hour at Randa's house, according to a press release from SCP.

Add in a fourth "hot yoga survivor" named Jinx, a makeup artist who fancies herself a life coach — "I do beauty makeovers and life makeovers," she says — mix in a few adult beverages, and the result is the formula for a delightful laugh-a-minute comedy, according to the Players.

With the help of their new life coach, who is

ready for a new adventure, too, the unique Southern women embark on a journey to do things they have always wanted to do, along with role playing, salsa dancing and courage challenges. In the process, their friendship grows and they discover that it's never too late to make new old friends.

"The Savannah Sipping Society" will be performed at the Players' Studio at 165 South St., with opening night planned for June 2. The show will continue on June 3, 9 and 10, with curtain at 7:30 p.m. for each show. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets, at \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors, may be reserved by calling 802-885-4098.

For more information on reservations, upcoming shows, and how to get involved, visit springfield-communityplayers.org.



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Robin McNamara of Springfield, left, appears as Jinx, Sara Vitale of Athens as Randa, Kay Burge of Springfield as Marlafaye, and Trilby Whitcomb of Bellows Falls as Dot in the Springfield Community Players' production of "Savannah Sipping Society," which will launch the group's 97th season on June 2.