



**For Immediate Release**

June 13 – July 16, 2017

Bridge Street Theatre presents

**The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds**

by Paul Zindel

with Roxanne Fay, Kalia Lay, Lindsay Cahill, Alexa Powell, and Doris Seipel

Directed by Steven Patterson

Costumes by Michelle Rogers

Sets and Lighting by John Sowle

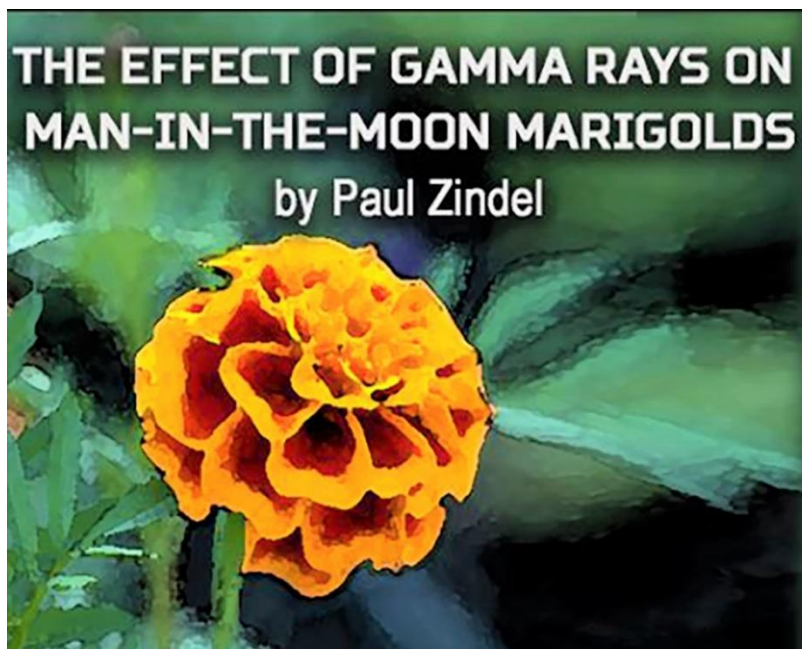
Sound by Carmen Borgia

Production Manager: Caedmon Holland

July 6 – 16, 2017

**Bridge Street Theatre Mainstage**

44 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY



## **“The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds” Comes to Bridge Street Theatre**

A mother's bitterness colors the lives of her two high school-aged daughters in Paul Zindel's 1971 Pulitzer Prize-winning “The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds”, coming to Catskill's Bridge Street Theatre for eight performances July 6-16. Called “the most compelling work of its kind since Tennessee Williams' ‘The Glass Menagerie’”, this poignant and lyrical drama will be performed by a cast of five brilliant female actors, led by Bridge Street favorite Roxanne Fay (“Home Fires Burning”, “Dream Child”, “Upon This Rock”) in the role of Beatrice Hunsdorfer.

The original Off-Broadway production of the play opened in April of 1970 and ran for 819 performances, winning not just the Pulitzer, but also the New York Drama Critics' Circle and Obie Awards for Best Play of the Year. A film version was released in 1972, directed by Paul Newman and starring his wife Joanne Woodward, who won the award for Best Actress at the 1973 Cannes Film Festival for her performance. In the following decade, the play was widely produced internationally, regionally, and in countless college and high school productions. Then it seemed to vanish.

“It's a piece I've always loved and one which a great many people of my generation recall with enormous affection,” says director Steven Patterson. “But after its heyday, it just seemed to fall off the radar. One of our missions here at Bridge Street is reviving great but unjustly neglected works and we're so excited to be bringing this one back to the stage where it belongs.”

Appearing with Roxanne Fay in the cast of this production are NYC actress Kalia Lay as Ruth, regional actress Doris Seipel as Nanny, and two students from Catskill High School – Lindsay Cahill as Tillie and Alexa Powell as Janice Vickery. The production is directed by Steven Patterson, with sets and lights by John Sowle, costumes by Michelle Rogers, and sound by Carmen Borgia. The Production Stage Manager is Caedmon Holland.

“The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds” will be presented on the Bridge Street Theatre Mainstage Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 2:00pm from July 6-16. The Thursday July 6 preview and the Sunday July 9 matinee are both “Pay-What-You-Will” performances. Advance tickets are available for \$22 at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com) or by calling 800-838-3006. Tickets can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance (on a space available basis) for \$25. Students age 21 and under are always \$10. The theatre is located at 44 West Bridge Street in the Village of Catskill, NY. Don't miss this chance to see a neglected masterpiece of American drama restored to the stage.

Events at Bridge Street Theatre are supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and by Public Funds from the Greene County Legislature through the Cultural Fund administered in Greene County by the Greene County Council on the Arts.

For more information, visit the theatre online at [BridgeSt.org](http://BridgeSt.org).

**Performance Calendar:**

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Thursday July 6 @ 7:30pm ("Pay What You Will" preview)

Friday July 7 @ 7:30pm (Opening Night)

Saturday July 8 @ 7:30pm

Sunday July 9 @ 2:00pm ("Pay What You Will" performance)

Thursday July 13 @ 7:30pm

Friday July 14 @ 7:30pm

Saturday July 15 @ 7:30pm

Sunday July 16 @ 2:00pm (Closing Performance)

**Tickets:**

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General Admission \$22, \$10 for Students age 21 and under

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**The Cast:**



Roxanne Fay (*Beatrice Hunsdorfer*)



Kalia Lay (*Ruth Hunsdorfer*)



Lindsay Cahill (*Tillie Hunsdorfer*)



Alexa Powell (*Janice Vickery*)



Doris Seipel (*Nanny*)