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Theater: 'Menopause: The Musical' comes to Bucks



'Menopause: The Musical' opens Jan. 11 at Bucks County Playhouse. (Gfour Productions/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

By Kathy Lauer-Williams

A musical celebrating women who are on the brink of, in the middle of or have survived the change of life is on stage at Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope from Jan. 11-22.

"Menopause: The Musical" by GFour Productions stars Teri Adams as the Iowa housewife, Judy Blue as the soap star, Megan Cavanagh as the earth mother and Linda Boston as the professional woman.

Set in a department store, the four women meet while shopping for a black lace bra at a lingerie sale. The women joke with each other about hot flashes, mood swings, wrinkles, weight gain and more. They form a sisterhood and also make a bond with the audience as they sing parodies of classic pop songs of the '60s, '70s and '80s.

"Menopause: The Musical" is in its 14th year. It's the longest-still-running scripted production in Las Vegas. Book and lyrics are by Jeanie Linders.

Adams, who has been in "Menopause: The Musical" since 2006, also has appeared in "Church Basement Ladies (The Last Potluck Supper)" at The Merry Go Round Playhouse for the Fingerlakes Musical Theatre Festival.

Blue is an associate of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago, Chicago Dramatists and Syzygy Theatre of Los Angeles.

Cavanagh, who played Marla Hooch in "A League of Their Own," also voices Judy Neutron in Nickelodeon's "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius."

Boston, who is the voice of many commercials, has sung for President Bill Clinton, <u>Rev. Jesse Jackson</u> and other luminaries.

GFour also has produced the Tony-winning Broadway musicals "The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess," "Matilda: The Musical" and the recent revival of "Fiddler on the Roof."

•"Menopause: The Musical," 2 and 7 p.m. Jan. 11, 12 and 18; 8 p.m. Jan. 13 and 20; 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 14 and 21; 2 p.m. Jan. 15, 19 and 22, Bucks County Playhouse, 70 S. Main St., New Hope. Tickets: \$35-\$55. www.bcptheater.org, 215-862-2121.