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Patricia Richardson Headlines Cast Of 'Other Desert Cities' At Bucks County Playhouse In New Hope



Patricia Richardson, perhaps best known as Jill Taylor in TV's "Home Improvement," will star in the Broadway hit play "Other Desert Cities" by Jon Robin Baitz at Bucks County Playhouse (BCP) in New Hope.

Richardson ("Steel Magnolias") is not the only artist returning to BCP for "Other Desert Cities," which will be directed by Sheryl Kaller. The production launches a limited run at BCP from Aug. 18 to Sept. 2.

Richardson, whose early career break was as the understudy for Gypsy Rose Lee in Broadway's "Gypsy: A Musical Fable," stars as Polly Wyeth opposite Kevin Kilner ("*House of Cards*," "*The Glass Menagerie*") as her husband, Lymon. The cast also include Deirdre Madigan ("*After the Night and the Music*," "*Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*") as Silda, Liza J. Bennett ("*12 Years a Slave*") as Brooke Wyeth, and Charles Socarides (TV's "*When We Rise*") as Trip Wyeth.

The Tony-nominated play revolves around an up-and-coming novelist (Brook Wyeth) who returns home to Palm Springs for Christmas toting an explosive, about-to-be-published tell-all memoir. While she's ready to battle it out for their blessing to publish the book, nothing prepares her for what her parents have in store.



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“The jolt of excitement emulating [sic] from the family reunion at the center of ‘Other Desert Cities’ is virtually matched by the artistic reunion we are having at the Playhouse with this production,” BCP Producing Director Alexander Fraser blurted.

Tickets for “Other Desert Cities” range from \$40-\$75, and can be purchased online.