

AURORA COMMUNITY THEATRE

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THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB

Opens March 4

AURORA, OH ----Aurora Community Theatre will perform ***THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB*** by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten for a limited engagement at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Mar. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

Award-winning **Barbara L. Rhoades** will direct the delightful, bittersweet comedy, filled with the zingers that only fast friends and Southern belles can sling. The Ohio Community Theatre Association prize-winning cast features **Jackie Cassara** (Sheree), **Chris White** (Dinah), **Denise Bernstein** (Lexie), **Kate Tonti** (Vernadette) and **Jenny Barrett** (Jeri Neal) in this hilarious and touching play about friendships that last forever.

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB crew includes **Marianne S. Paul**, producer, **Towar N. Vilas**, stage manager, **Val Hughes** on lighting and **Paul Chechak** as chair of the set construction team. **Dorothy Edwards** will serve as house manager with **Vicki Rizzo Prato** on hospitality and **Vilas** as board liaison. **CPH Communications** will manage publicity and marketing.

Five Southern women, who forged their friendship on a championship college swim team, reunite each summer to catch up, laugh and recharge their relationships with raucous repartee, meddling advice and genuine fondness. The play focuses on four of those weekends, spanning a period of 33 years. When fate throws a wrench into their lives, the women of the Dixie Swim Club gather strength from each other to prove the enduring power of teamwork and love.

Sheree, the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized, "perfect" life. Dinah, a wisecracking, high-achieving dynamo reveals that her career victories offer stark contrast to the frustrations of her personal life. Pampered, outspoken Lexie, committed to maintaining her looks and youth forever, enjoys being married—over and over and over again. Self-deprecating, acerbic and acutely aware of the dark cloud that hovers over her life, Vernadette decides to just give in and embrace the chaos. And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise.

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Tickets at \$16 for adults, \$11 for youth 18 and under, are available online, including seat selection, at www.auroracommunitytheatre.com, or call the box office at 330-562-1818. Group discounts are also available by calling the box office.

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