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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR THE PREMIERE OF SPARK BY ROB DORN & GARY GIMMESTAD

(Chicago, IL) Three Cat Productions presents the world premiere of the new musical *Spark* by Rob Dorn and Gary Gimmestad at the Chicago Park District's Berger Park Coach House Theater at 6205 N. Sheridan Road (Edgewater by Granville el stop on Red Line).

20-year-old Kale has just left the nest. Facing the usual challenges of work, dating, and furniture, he meets Buddy, a mysterious older neighbor. As their platonic friendship grows, strange coincidences pile up, and Kale begins to dig into his own family's past. Can Kale find the piece that's been missing from his family before it's too late?

Spark is new musical written by Rob Dorn and Gary Gimmestad. Rob Dorn recently collaborated with Gary Gimmestad writing lyrics to original music featured in Three Cat's "At Mister Kelly's." Dorn and Gimmestad worked together with the nationally renowned vocal group "Three Hits and a Miss". Dorn has performed in hundreds of theatres across the country including regional theatre and national tours including the national tour of "Into the Woods". Gimmestad has also performed and toured as pianist and music director for a number of shows including Ain't Misbehavin', 1940s Radio Hour, Little Shop of Horrors, Forever Plaid and many others.

The cast includes Rachel Friend, Michael Jack Hampton, Lauren Miller, and Tommy Ross.

The musical is directed by Jason Paul Smith, Three Cat Productions, Artistic Director. Music Direction is by Roy A. Freeman. Stage Manager is Julia Heeren. Dramaturg is Teryl Thurman. Resident Lighting Designer is Pat Henderson. Accompanist is Benjamin Nichols.

Previews begin May 4, 2018. The show runs is May 11 – June 9, 2018. Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 4:00pm and 7:30pm at the Berger Park Coach House Theater at 6205 N. Sheridan in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain. No late seating.

Tickets are \$25 each for all performances. Tickets can be purchased on our website at threecatproductions.com or via phone at 312.970.9840.

Street parking (paybox until 9pm) is available on Granville, side streets, and Broadway (Handicapped and a limited parking is available. Please call the box office for special parking arrangements).

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About Three Cat Productions

As Chicago's artist incubator, Three Cat Production's mission is to nurture artists. We provide opportunities, facilities, experiences, and creative relationships that foster their growth. Three Cat strives to reach diverse artists from as many disciplines as possible, under the umbrella of a producing theater. We believe every artist has a voice and every voice deserves a chance to come into its own, regardless of social connections, experience, education, or income level.



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About Rob Dorn

Rob Dorn recently collaborated with Gary Gimmestad writing lyrics to original music featured in Three Cat's "Hang You're Hat at Mr. Kelly's." He also wrote original comic material for "Kelly's." Additional work with Three Cat include tributes to Cass Elliott and Barbra Streisand. Solo shows include, "Bob Fred" and "Wonderland: 364 Days Til Christmas." Rob has spent over thirty years as a performer appearing on stages throughout the country. Favorite shows include Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" (National Tour) a Jeff Award winning production of Sweeney Todd and in the Minneapolis company of "Forever Plaid." He toured for many years with the vocal group, "Three Hits and a Miss" bringing 1940's style harmony to nearly every state in the of the country. Solo recordings include "I'm Wishing" and "Wonderland." And "Sentimental Star," "Sing Sing Swing," "Christmas Presence" and "Mixing it Up" with Three Hits and a Miss. He is also featured on the cast recording of "A Christmas Carole Petersen." Currently Rob sings with The Alan Gresik Swingshift Orchestra at Chicago's famed Green Mill. In addition to writing and performing, Rob works as a professional Visual Designer for IBM.

About Gary Gimmestad

Gary Gimmestad, a native Minnesotan, has a long history in theater and music including several projects with Three Cat Productions. Gary arranged and composed the original music for Three Cat Productions "At Mister Kelly's". Gary composed the original incidental music to "Joint Attention" by Pat Curtis and "Marvelous Madelines" by Wendy Schmidt. Rob and Gary collaborated on Rob's solo CD, I'm Wishing and on the dozens of arrangements they co-created for the vocal group Three Hits and a Miss. Gary has also performed and toured as pianist and music director for a number of shows including Ain't Misbehavin', 1940s Radio Hour, Little Shop of Horrors, Forever Plaid and many others. Gary recently launched his own business (Dal segno Music Services, LLC) which offers music preparation services as well as instruction in Finale music notation software. Gary is currently working with singer / songwriter Tom Lieberman (www.liebermania.com) on his children's theater project featuring a ukulele puppet named Luke the Uke and his sidekicks Amanda Lynn and Duke. And Gary is eagerly looking forward to future collaborations with Three Cat!