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# Kelsey Theatre presenting 'Sylvia' May 11-20

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A dog may be a family's best friend, but for a couple of empty nesters, not so much. Join Forte Dramatic Productions as they bring A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" to Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. Show times for this romantic comedy are Fridays, May 11 and 18 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, May 12 and 19 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, May 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. Kelsey Theatre is located on the college's West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. A reception with the cast and crew follows opening night performance on May 11.

For empty nesters Greg and Kate, it's time to reclaim their former life by moving back to Manhattan after years as classic suburban dwellers, replete with kids and a dog. As Kate tells Greg: "The dog phase of my life is definitely over." But Greg is unhappy at work and quietly navigating a mid-life crisis. When he finds a street-smart Labradoodle, Sylvia, wandering around in Central Park, he can't resist the appeal of her undying love and loyalty. Sylvia quickly becomes a contentious, if adorable, ball of fur who parks herself right in the middle of Greg and Kate's marriage.

Premiering Off-Broadway in 1955, "Sylvia" is that unusual show that is both smart and silly, sophisticated and salty, touching and sad. Its observations about relationships, nature, and growing older are as relevant today as when the show premiered more than six decades ago. The show has enjoyed multiple revivals, including a 1995 Off-Broadway production that starred Sarah Jessica Parker as Sylvia and a



**Forte Dramatic Productions as they bring A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" to Mercer County Community College** *Courtesy photo*