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Arena Players Repertory Theater Company Presents Olivier Award-Winning 'God of Carnage' at Vanderbilt Museum

October 14 - November 6

CENTERPORT, NY (October 8, 2011) – The Arena Players Repertory Theater, which has moved to the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, will open its 2011 fall-winter season on Friday, October 14, at 8:00 p.m. with Yasmina Reza's comedy *God of Carnage*. The production runs through Sunday, November 6.

Arena Players productions at the Vanderbilt will be performed in the estate's Carriage House (now the museum's Education Center), where the Arena Players' Children's Theatre has long performed.

Artistic director Frederic DeFeis said that the company, after 39 years in Farmingdale, is moving to the Vanderbilt for its fall-winter season because the building it currently occupies will be sold to private developers.

In *God of Carnage*, which won the Olivier, Britain's most coveted theater award, Alan and Annette's son has hit Michael and Veronica's son with a stick, breaking two of his teeth. The grown-ups have gathered to discuss, logically and amiably, how to deal with the boys.



Photo by Fred DeFeis

God of Carnage cast": Stacey A. Wallace, Bertrand Emmett, Linda Ramzel and Michael Lang

Fissures in the friendliness are evident from the start. The question becomes, how long will it be before the fault lines split open altogether, allowing free rein to "the god of carnage"?

Performances are at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20 on Friday and Sunday and \$25 on Saturday. For reservations or more information, please contact the Vanderbilt Museum at 631-854-5579 or the Arena Players Theater at 516-293-0674. Or visit www.ArenaPlayers.org. The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum is located at 180 Little Neck Road in Centerport, NY 11721.

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