

Tipling Stage Company is going Barefoot . . .

Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park will be the first play of the season at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne.

It will run Oct. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.

Denis Stephenson will be directing Jess Walker and Jan Gumulka, two actors new to Tipling audiences, as Paul and Corie Bratter, the ultimate awkward newlyweds. Corie is an impulsive, enthusiastic romantic while her husband is a proper and rather stuffy young attorney more involved in his budding legal career than in building their love nest. They get a surprise visit from Corie's loopy mother, Ethel, who Corie tricks into a blind date with their eccentric neighbor, Victor Velasco. Everything that can go wrong, does. Paul questions Corie's judgment and Corie questions Paul's sense of romance and adventure and their quarrels escalate until Paul walks barefoot in park in the middle of winter to prove that he is not, after all, a fuddy-duddy.

Stephenson directed The Trouble with Trent, the first play of the season for Tipling last year, and is also familiar in Shelburne as an actor as well as both as an actor and as a director in the greater Dufferin-Peel area. He is enthusiastic about blending new actors with some of the charter members of the company in the cast and crew for Barefoot in the Park.

Visit www.tiplingstagecompany.com to see still shots and video clips of company's previous productions, and to purchase tickets for Barefoot in the Park.