

The Cast

Dr. Sanjay Maggirwar (Director) lives in Brighton with his wife Asawari, son Nishad and a golden retriever, Bliss. He is an Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He was born and raised in Aurangabad, India. Sanjay acquired formal training in theater at the Marathwada University, India; subsequently graduated from this institute with a diploma in dramatics in 1984, with European Theater as a major. He has won several awards for his participation in Maharashtra State drama competitions. He has acted and directed plays in Marathi at a professional level. He has participated in plays on television and on All India Radio Shows.

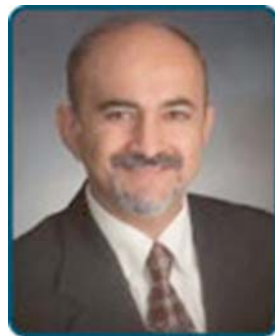


He is the author of three plays, published in Marathi by Dhara Prakashan, India. He has been actively involved in theater activities at ICC, more so after his first venture in English by directing 'Rumors' in 2006, followed by 'Light of Asia' in 2008. Sanjay is very excited to be presenting 'The Cemetery Club' to you this summer.



Kathryn Juda, (Lucille) was born and raised in Rochester, NY. She has 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She is currently employed by Penfield OB/GYN as a sonographer and a Dexa tech. Her stage experience includes a role in Snow White and the seven dwarfs, the sound of Music and Alice in Wonderland.

Rahul Laroia, (Sam) grew up in Jullundhar and Ludhiana, India. He has lived in Rochester for the last 16 years with his wife Nirupama. Their children Gaurav and Asheesh graduated from Brighton High School and now live/work in Washington, DC and Atlanta. He is a senior partner with Penfield Ob/Gyn, and his specialty relates to Robotic gynecologic surgery, urinary incontinence and pelvic reconstructive surgery. He has been a long time supporter of the Kalidas Club and a patron of Geva Theater in Rochester. His other interests are ping pong, snooker, and golf. This is his lifetime debut attempt at acting.



Kanchana Mendes (Mildred), her husband Lindsay and two kids, Rohan & Nina, returned to the Rochester area in 2008 after 3 years in Houston, TX. She is currently adjunct faculty in Biology at the Finger Lakes Community College. Kanchana directed and acted in several plays as part of the English Drama Club during her college years in BITS Pilani. She was also President of the Drama Club in her senior year. She is very excited to get back to her passion for theater as part of the Kalidas group in "The Cemetery Club".

Janani Parthasarathi, (Ida) grew up in Nepal and New Delhi and has lived here with her husband Aanand for 27 years. Her daughter Tara will be starting graduate school at Yale this fall and her younger daughter Anjali will be a junior at RIT. She is a librarian at the Fairport Public Library and has been a Board Member and Treasurer of the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp since 1996. She played the role of Cassie Cooper in "Rumors" (Nov. 2006) and Nalini Iyengar in "What's in a Name" (May 2007). She was the assistant director for "Run for your wife" (December 2007) and the director for "Too Soon for Daisies" (May 2008).



Shahida Rehmani (Doris) came to USA in 1990. She is married and has 3 sons: 22yrs, 19yrs, and 16yrs old. Her husband, Shehbaz is a nephrologist. She is a child and adolescent psychiatrist working as a staff psychiatrist in Unity Health, consulting psychiatrist at Livingston County Mental Health and Medical Director of Chemical Dependency program at St Joseph Villa. This is her Debut performance, she has never acted or performed on stage before.

The Crew

Director: Sanjay Maggirwar
Producer: Padmanabh Kamath
Set Design: Shiraz Sitaram, Sowmya Sanapala
Set Construction: Raj Rajan, Vithal Sanapala, Abhas Kumar,
Thomas Zimmermann, Lawrence Jefferson
Stage Managers: Sumara Ahmed, Brianna Juda, Kristen Loss
Light Effects: Raj Rajan, Padmanabh Kamath
Light Operations: Samir Bhagwat
Sound Effects: Rajesh Mehta
Make-up: Sanjay Maggirwar

For all electrical installations and repairs...

For all handyman works...

The Cemetery Club

Synopsis

Three Jewish women meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves. Ida is sweet tempered and is ready to start a new life, Lucille is the feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun, and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene.

Playwright

Ivan Menchell is the author of two popular plays, "The Cemetery Club" (1990) and "Surprise Party" (1997). The Cemetery Club was made into a movie in 1993.

Kalidas

Kalidas, the Indo-American Community Theater Group of Rochester was formed in 2006. Kalidas produces two plays each year. The plays are presented during the weekends following the Memorial Day and the Thanksgiving Day. Sanjay Maggirwar is the Executive Director of Kalidas.

As a community theater, Kalidas provides the community members an opportunity to perform on stage in well-produced plays. Kalidas expresses great appreciation to Sanjay Maggirwar, the cast members and the crew of "The Cemetery Club" for working diligently for numerous hours to present this play. Kalidas is also grateful to advertisers in the playbill for their support.

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