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SYRACUSE STAGE ANNOUNCES TWO-DAY VENDOR FAIR AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH PLAY IN ITS MAINSTAGE SEASON, THORNTON WILDER'S SEMINAL WORK, *OUR TOWN*



SYRACUSE, NY – [Syracuse Stage](#) Artistic Director Robert Hupp and Managing Director Jill Anderson announced today, that as part of the theatrical run of Thornton Wilder's beloved play, "Our Town," Syracuse Stage will host a two-day **Our Town Vendor Fair** on **Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2** from 1 – 8:30 p.m. "[Our Town](#)," directed by Robert Hupp, runs Wednesday, March 29 through Sunday, April 16 at Syracuse Stage in the Archbold Theatre.

As part of the community engagement efforts at Syracuse Stage, Joann Yarrow, Director of Community Engagement and Education, thinks the Vendor Fair provides the perfect connecting point for Syracusans, "We are so excited to involve local vendors of our town of Syracuse to share the variety of artistry and unique offerings. It is important to support our local small businesses who bring so much to Syracuse."

Community friends and neighbors can gather at this two-day event in the theatre lobby as artisans and small-business owners display products for sale ranging from jewelry to health and beauty products and décor and home goods to the latest in pet needs for our animal friends. The Our Town Vendor Fair is free, and all members of the community are welcome, a ticket purchase to the production is not required.

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Vendors currently scheduled are:

- Au Mélange: Cleanse, Nourish and Restore with the rejuvenating oils of Au Mélange
- Better Brittle: West African-style small-batch brittles made right here in Syracuse
- Diane Schenandoah: Indigenous arts
- Soul Love Candle Co.: Magical soy wax candles and wax melts adorned with crystals
- Room to Improve: Home décor and gift shop based in Minoa, New York
- Styles by Bellamy: Women's clothing and jewelry
- Marcrame by Tatinanna Monet: Artisan shop selling eco-friendly macrame home décor items
- AFROdisiac Ceramics: Handmade ceramic works by local artist
- Happy Tails Dog Shop: Specialty dog shop focusing on high quality supplements, treats, and enrichment toys

An American masterpiece, "Our Town" is described by Wilder as, "an attempt to find value above all price for the smallest events in our daily life." The playwright succeeded with this graceful and poetic play that reminds us to cherish every moment we're together and to embrace the true wonder (and brevity) of being alive.

Famous actors of stage and screen have taken on the challenging role of the Stage Manager, including Paul Newman, Spalding Gray, Henry Fonda and Helen Hunt.

The production of "Our Town" runs Wednesday, March 29 through Sunday, April 16, 2023. All evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. while all matinee performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$30 with discounts available for students and groups. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [SyracuseStage.org](https://www.SyracuseStage.org), by calling **315.443.3275**, or by visiting the Syracuse Stage Box Office at 820 East Genesee Street.

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About Syracuse Stage:

Founded in 1974, Syracuse Stage is the non-profit, professional theatre company in residence at Syracuse University. It is nationally recognized for creating stimulating theatrical work that engages Central New York audiences and significantly contributes to the artistic life of Syracuse University, where it is a vital partner in achieving the educational mission of the University's Department of Drama. Stage's mission is to tell stories that engage, entertain, and inspire people to see life beyond their own experience. Each season, 70,000 patrons enjoy an adventurous mix of new plays, and bold interpretations of classics and musicals, featuring the finest theatre artists. In addition, Stage maintains a vital educational outreach program that annually serves more than 15,000 students from 14 counties. Syracuse Stage is a constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for American theatre, and a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA), the University Hill Corporation and the East Genesee Regent Association. Syracuse Stage is a member of The League of Resident Theatres (LORT), the largest professional theatre association in the country.

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