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## The Goodbye Girl



Book by Neil Simon • Music by Marvin Hamlisch

Lyrics by David Zippel

**ON STAGE OCT. 15 - NOV. 8**

Champagne Reception Opening Night

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**PERFORMANCES:**

Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.  
Sundays 2 p.m.  
Blackburn Hall,  
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Individual Tickets:  
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## HANDBAGS

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as a marketing professional, lugging an assortment of bags for different functions on every trip. Sometimes, she says, she wouldn't have time to make it back to her hotel before an evening function, and she'd be stuck with her functional daytime bag. "I didn't feel comfortable carrying a canvas L.L. Bean tote to dinner," she laughs.

On a trip to France, Nelson noticed women carrying utilitarian, stylish bags. Back home in the U.S., she tried to find a similar bag but with no luck. It was then that Nelson decided to design her own.

She experimented with patterns until she developed the perfect convertible bag. Friends who tried out the newly christened Chouette Sac gave rave reviews. Nelson began making the bags on her own and selling them at trade shows and online. When orders outpaced what she could create at home, she searched for new production options. Refusing to outsource fabrication to China, she happily discovered Ida Kabak, a Miami woman who has made bags for Gucci and Coach. Now, Chouette bags continue to be handmade

on the east coast of Florida.

Though less than three years old, the Chouette line has already been featured on television. At a cocktail party, the wardrobe designer for the TBS series "My Boys" approached Nelson and asked her to send samples to L.A. The stylist liked the look, and Chouette appeared twice in the show's first episode.

From her private collection, Nelson likes to carry a black alligator-patterned leather bag with red and gold tapestry. Her favorite bags, though, have a touch of French flare. During her sojourns in Paris, where she spends six to eight weeks every year, Nelson shops for antique fabrics. Once hung in chateaus — often as draperies in past incarnations — some date back more than a century. Nelson uses these fabrics for the limited-edition bags she keeps in her own closet. Admirers often offer to buy the bags right off her shoulder. Not surprisingly, she has a hard time letting them go.

Chouette handbags retail for \$395.00 and are available online at chouettesac.com. ■

## 'The Goodbye Girl' introduces The Naples Players 2008-09 line-up

The Naples Players opens its new season at Sugden Community Theatre with Neil Simon's romantic comedy, "The Goodbye Girl." Tickets are on sale now for the show that runs Oct. 15 through Nov. 8. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Dallas Dunnagan directs and Meg Pryor choreographs. Music directors are Julie Shaffer and Aurora Wells. Scenic design is by Matt Flynn, and costume design is by Dot Auchmoody.

Vergina Restaurant has partnered with the theater again for the season, offering "Dinner and a Show" for \$58, which includes a three-course dinner before a stroll across 5th Avenue for the show. Tickets to the show only are \$35 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and younger.

For information and tickets, stop by The Naples Players box office at 701 5th Avenue South, call 263-7990 or go to www.naplesplayers.org. The community theater company was founded in 1953 and this year celebrates its 10th season at its home in the Sugden Community Theatre. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Actors Laura Needle, left, and Mariel Weinand, playing mother and daughter in Neil Simon's "The Goodbye Girl." The musical comedy is presented by The Naples Players on stage Oct. 15 through Nov. 8 at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples.

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