**MARQUETTE THEATRE TO PRESENT "CALIFORNIA SUITE" ALONGSIDE "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW," Oct. 1-17**

MILWAUKEE — Neil Simon's "California Suite" alongside Shakespeare's comical battle of the sexes "The Taming of the Shrew," will be presented by Marquette Theatre Friday, Oct.1, through Sunday, Oct. 17.

# Theatre’s characters are reunited on stage and are ready to open the season with comedies that will, in humorous way, portray issues that middle- aged couples are facing, along with the battle that is present between sexes.

*California Suite,* a play by Neil Simon will be held on the following dates:

* Oct. 1, 9, 15 at 7:30 p.m.
* Oct. 2, 10, 16 at 2:30 p.m.

*California’s Suite* is a classic comedy set in the Beverly Hills Hotel. It is a full-length farce features four playlets all set in the same suite and featuring various middle-aged couples wrestling humorously with a range of issues—from infidelity to the Academy Awards.

A divorced couple must learn to cope for the sake of their daughter and best friends turn to enemies. Five couples in all are played by four very talented actors.

*“California Suite”* is presented by arrangement with [**Concord Theatricals**](http://www.concordtheatricals.com) on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

This production introduces Marquette’s Second Stage Series, using limited scenery and costumes, and placing the focus on the acting. It will play in rotation with *The Taming of the Shrew.*

*The Taming of the Shrew,* a play written by William Shakespeare will be held on the following dates:

* Oct. 2, 8, 16 at 7:30 p.m.
* Oct. 3, 9, 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Shakespeare’s comical battle of the sexes brings Kate and Petruchio head-to-head on the Helfaer stage.

Petruchio has come to Padua to find a wealthy wife. In finding Kate, the daughter of a local merchant, he discovers more than he bargained for. Not only is Kate a match for his fiery temper and agile wit, but she also proves to be his perfect partner.

Come and enjoy these two wonderful, humoristic plays, that will put a smile on your face.

Tickets are $12 and are available for purchase online through Marquette Theatre’s [**online box office service**](https://www.showclix.com/events/marquettetheatre).

For more information, call the Helfaer Theatre Box Office at (414) 288-7504 or visit the **[Helfaer Theatre Box Office website](https://www.marquette.edu/communication/helfaer-box-office.php)**.