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GROVES CABIN THEATRE PRESS RELEASE:

IF WE ARE WOMEN AT GROVES CABIN THEATRE
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM OCTOBER 11 – NOVEMBER 2

Groves Cabin Theatre in Morongo Valley is pleased to present *If We Are Women* for eight performances only on Saturdays and Sundays from October 11 – November 2. The touching and insightful play, written by Canadian novelist and playwright, Joanna McClelland Glass, brings together three generations of women, who humorously and compassionately seek to justify their existence to each other...and themselves.

Jessica (a writer approaching middle age), her mother Ruth (an illiterate woman from the Canadian prairie), and Rachel (her intellectual Jewish mother-in-law) find themselves emotionally stranded in Jessica's Connecticut beach home. Jessica's lover of several years has died suddenly, and Ruth and Rachel have come to offer comfort. As they wait for Polly, Jessica's daughter, to return from a high school dance of the previous night, they weigh the choices each have made as women, as daughters, and as mothers. Recollections of guilt and regret are punctuated by wry observations on sex, history, ideas, and their relationships with the men in their lives.

If We Are Women originally premiered in the U.S. in 1993, and was later produced in London starring Joan Plowright and Diana Quick, inspiring the London Financial Times to comment: "...This play is tenderly affecting. There are enough funny lines to keep tears safely at bay for 2 hours."

Directed by Wendy Cohen, *If We Are Women* features the talented cast of Vicki Montgomery as Jessica, Joy Groves as Ruth, Dodie Warren as Rachel, and Jamie Calveri as Polly.

Groves Cabin Theatre has won multiple Desert Theatre League awards for its high-quality productions. The 24-seat theatre offers one of the most intimate theatrical experiences in the world, that experience having been described as being "like a fly on the wall, witnessing real life happening before my eyes." The limited seating means that a total of only 192 people will be able to see this fine production, so early reservations are highly recommended.

If We Are Women will play on Saturdays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, at 8:00 PM, and Sundays, October 12, 19, 26, and November 2, at 2:30 PM, at **Groves Cabin Theatre**, 8768 Desert Willow Trail in Morongo Valley north of Highway 62 (look for the large red, white, and blue stone on the north side of the highway). Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 seniors (60+). For information and reservations call! (760) 363-6126

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