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GROVES CABIN THEATRE RELEASE:

ON THE VERGE (or THE GEOGRAPHY OF YEARNING)
TO PLAY AT GROVES CABIN THEATRE IN MORONGO VALLEY
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 23
PLUS SPECIAL BONUS PERFORMANCE AT HI-DESERT CULTURAL CENTER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

What is an eggbeater doing in the middle of a jungle in 1888? **Groves Cabin Theatre** in Morongo Valley answers that question in their presentation of “*On The Verge (or The Geography of Yearning)*”, a comedy by Eric Overmyer.

Three Victorian era ladies—Fanny Cranbury, Alexandra Cafuffle and Mary Baltimore—go on safari through “Terra Incognita”, the last unexplored land on the globe. Trekking across jungles, swamps, frozen wastes, and dizzying heights, these intrepid feminists encounter high adventure and stupefying risks. But more is revealed along the way. Eventually, it becomes clear that they are also traveling forward through time into the future. On their journey, they meet a host of eccentric natives, including a baby yeti, a troll, a fortuneteller, and the owner of a swinging vacation resort. In the end, the ladies find that there are some voyages a person must take alone. One of the highlights of “*On The Verge*” is its lovingly quirky use of the English language, or as Fanny says, “If I must embrace the future, must I embrace bad grammar, too?”

“*On The Verge*” is directed by Desert Theatre League award winning director Wendy Cohen; it stars Joy Groves as Mary, Vicki Montgomery as Fanny (both multiple DTL award winners), Nicole Sment as Alexandra, and John Zembo (playing 8 different roles) as everybody else!

Groves Cabin Theatre (<http://www.grovescabintheatre.org/>) has won multiple Desert Theatre League awards for its high-quality productions. The 23-seat theater offers one of the most intimate theatrical experiences available anywhere in the world—that experience having been described as being “like a fly on the wall, witnessing life happening before my eyes.” **The limited seating means early reservations are a must.**

“*On the Verge (or The Geography of Yearning)*” will be performed each Saturday evening at 8:00 PM and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM from Saturday, October 25, through Sunday, November 23. **Groves Cabin Theatre** is located at 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 for all seats are \$10. There will also be a special one night only performance at the Hi-Desert Cultural Center in Joshua Tree at 8:00 PM on Friday, December 5. For additional information and reservations call! (760) 365-4523.

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