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GROVES CABIN THEATRE RELEASE:

GERTRUDE STEIN AND A COMPANION OPENS APRIL 29
AT GROVES CABIN THEATRE IN MORONGO VALLEY
PLAYS SATURDAY EVENINGS AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
THROUGH MAY 23

The highly acclaimed *Gertrude Stein and a Companion* opens at **Groves Cabin Theatre** in Morongo Valley on Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 PM. It will be performed on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through May 23.

Written by Win Wells, and based upon the writings of Ms. Stein and her life-long companion, Alice B. Toklas, the drama presents playgoers with snapshots of their relationship across time, ranging from the early 1900's through the 1960's; it also reveals the strong influence Gertrude and Alice had on such well-known literary and artistic figures as Ernest Hemmingway and Pablo Picasso, and the fascinating journey of their remarkable life together.

Gertrude Stein and a Companion is set in July of 1946, following the death of Gertrude Stein. Ms. Toklas is in their home writing to inform Picasso of her death. As Alice writes and reflects on their time together, Gertrude's very tangible ghost visits her, and the two relive many cherished events in their rich lives. As the play flits back and forth through time, the actors play not only Gertrude and Alice, but also several of the famous people who were a part of their lives.

Labeled by the Christian Science Monitor as, "An imaginative and compelling entertainment," and by Gannett Newspapers as, "Brisk, fun and literate," the play won first prize at both the Edinburgh Festival and the Theatre Festival in Sydney, Australia, as well as receiving the Vita Award in South Africa as Best Play.

Popular Desert Theatre League award-winner Wendy Cohen directs this Groves production, which features multiple DTL award-winning actresses Vicki Montgomery (as Stein) and Joy Groves (as Toklas).

Gertrude Stein and Companion will play Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM, and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 PM, from April 29 through May 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. For additional information and reservations call! (760) 365-4523.

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