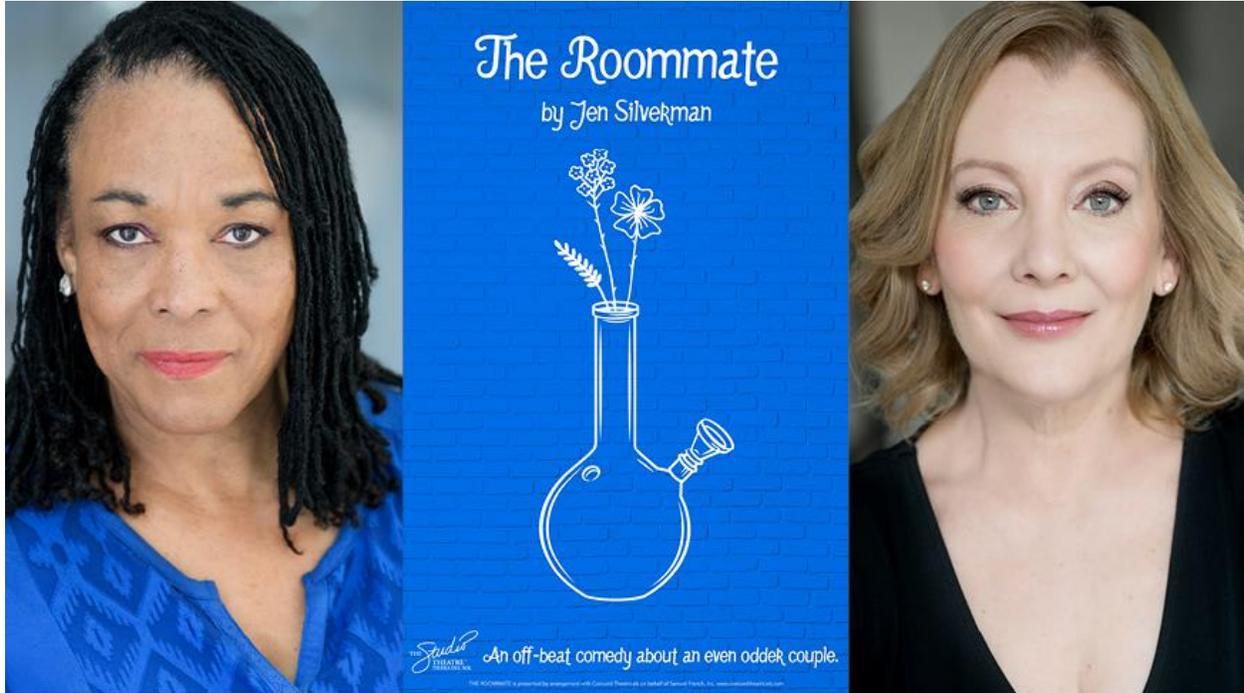


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This March, **The Studio Theatre™ Tierra del Sol** (806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL) opens the fourth and final show of the 2023/2024 Season, with *The Roommate*, by Jen Silverman.

With a recent divorce and her son living across the country, 50-something Sharon posts a listing for a roommate to fill the empty space of her Iowa home. Enter Robyn also in her mid-fifties, a fascinating woman who needs a place to hide and the chance to start over. Sharon is Walmart and white bread, book clubs, and leaving your door unlocked. Robyn is black leather boots, a motorcycle jacket, and cigarettes she's trying to quit. When Sharon begins to uncover Robyn's secrets, they encourage her own deep-seated desire to abandon her comfort zone and live a life of danger and adventure. Come along for this wild ride of a comedy that can only be described as *The Odd Couple* meets *Breaking Bad*. *The Roommate* cleverly navigates the rocky roads of change and hilariously examines what happens when the wheels come off.



AVIS-MARIE BARNES (Sharon) is in her very first production at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol. Her theatrical roles include *Sweetwater Taste*, *Oh Lord What a Night* and *The Best of Enemies* (The Orlando Shakespeare Theater). Television roles include *Lodge 49* on AMC as Anita Jones, Oprah Winfrey's series *Greenleaf*, Misty Williams, and roles in the television shows *Will Trent*, *Doom Patrol*, *Stranger Things*, and *Atlanta*. Movie roles include *Pain Hustlers*, *Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul*, *Girlfriendship*, *R.A.D.A.R.*, *The Dirt* and *Jeepers Creepers*. She is originally from Montclair, NJ and an alumna of Howard University School of Fine Arts. Bloom where planted. www.Avis-MarieBarnes.biz

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REBECCA FISHER* (Robyn) is delighted to be making her debut at The Studio Theatre. Recent Central Florida credits include Bella in, *The Sound Inside*, with Florida Theatrical, her one-woman cabaret, *Make Someone Happy*, at Orlando Shakes, and Mrs. Lovett in New Generation Theatrical's, *Sweeney Todd*. Other New Generation credits: Meredith Parker in, *Bat Boy: The Musical*, and Margery in *Hand To God*. As a frequent cast member in the National Tour of *Menopause The Musical*, Rebecca has performed the role of Soap Star across the United States, in Canada and Singapore. Rebecca earned a BFA in Theatre at Stephens College in Columbia, MO. Grateful to her family and friends, Rebecca is a Proud member of Actors' Equity. Learn more at www.thebeccafisher.com

The Theatre Management and Creative Teams are composed of Producer **Jason Goedken** and Artistic Director **Whitney Morse**; Associate Artistic Director, **Angel Creeks**; Director, **Anne Hering**; Designer/ Props Designer/ Set Dressing, **Joshua E. Gallagher**; Costume Designer, **Kat Henwood**; Sound Designer/ Audiovisual Supervisor, **Kimber King**; Lighting Designer/ Lighting Supervisor, **Collin Hall**; Technical Director, **Clayton Becker**; Production Manager, **Leslie Becker**; Company Manager/ Videographer, **Ryan Loekkel**; Production Stage Manager, **Jess Mahoney**; Deck Stage Manager, **Madison Youngblood**; Dutchess of Carpentry, **Alison Madison**; Literary and Casting Associate, **Jordan Gregson**; Marketing Director, **Taylor Adkins**; Marketing Assistant, **Jessica Nix**, House Manager, **Alec Speers**; Assistant House Managers, **Nichole Pollack** and **Mark Kirschenbaum**.

- **What:** *The Roommate*
- **Where:** The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, 806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL
- **When:** March 26 – April 27, 2024
- **For tickets:** www.TheSharonStudio.com | (352) 751-7799
- **Price:** \$20 previews | \$35 performances | **NEW Student Discount \$10 Off**
- **Sign Language Interpretation Show:** April 16, 2024

The Studio Theatre's Mission is to inspire the residents of Central Florida to examine relevant issues by elevating them through innovative and intimate storytelling. **Think outside the box, inside the box.**

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