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As If Theatre Company Moves in to Kenmore

**Kenmore Community Club Welcomes New Theatre Company
with Sarah Ruhl's Contemporary Comedy *The Clean House***

November 2, 2018 - Kenmore, WA – Professional theatre is making its way to Kenmore. **As If Theatre Company (AITC)**, created by local theatre artists have scheduled their first show at the historic Kenmore Community Club in February, 2019. Sarah Ruhl's play, *The Clean House*, will be the debut production for AITC and, according to Artistic Director Cindy Giese French, it will be the first of many in Kenmore. "Kenmore is a burgeoning city with so much to offer. We've got wonderful parks, amazing breweries, new restaurants and businesses coming in every day, and a community who are proud to hail from Kenmore. But the one thing Kenmore doesn't have is its own theatre company. I grew up here and it's been my dream to start a theatre company in my home town and add more art to our thriving and diverse community. We couldn't be more excited to be performing in the historic Kenmore Community Club."

The Clean House, the award-winning and Pulitzer Prize-nominated play by Sarah Ruhl, will run February 8-24, 2019. The play is the story of Lane, a doctor, who values order in every aspect of her life – her career, her house, her emotions, her relationships. Her live-in Brazilian maid, Matilde, finds cleaning makes her sad and yearns to be a stand-up comedian; while Lane's sister, Virginia, finds solace in cleaning and secretly takes over Matilde's duties. When Lane's husband, a surgeon, falls in love with a terminally-ill patient, everything that was clean and tidy for Lane is thrown into disarray, and she must turn to the women in her life to help sort out the mess. Blending whimsical humor with wisdom and compassion, this romantic comedy about love, sex, death – and finding the perfect joke – proves that shared laughter can heal almost anything. The New York Times called it "One of the finest and funniest plays you're likely to see." Directed by Carissa Meisner Smit, the cast and design team will be announced in late November.

For more information, visit www.asiftheatre.com.

Performances: Thursday-Sunday, February 8-24, 2019

Opening Night – Friday, February 8

Tickets will go on sale late November.

Kenmore Community Club

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To request tickets for opening night, or to schedule an interview, contact Amy Gentry at amy@asiftheatre.com.

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