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Language: English with a touch of Hindi & Punjabi

Duration: 130 minutes

Written by: Neil Simon

Directed by: Rishi Mehta

Producer: Shalu Mehta, Raakhi Agarwal

Genre: Romantic Comedy

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Synopsis

The Odd Couple. This Classic Comedy Opens as a group of girls assembled for an evening of a game named Trivial Pursuit in the apartment of Divorced Divya Swarup. And if the mess is an indication, its no wonder that she lives all alone and is absolutely carefree.

Late to arrive is Radhika Kapoor who has just been separated from her husband. Fastidious, depressed and none too tense, Radhika seems suicidal, but as the action unfolds Divya becomes the one with murder on the mind when the clean-freak and the slob ultimately decide to room together with hilarious results as The odd couple is born.

Watch this amazing Broadway comedy from the master of Playwrights, Neil Simon.

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About the Author

Neil Simon

Marvin Neil Simon (July 4, 1927 – August 26, 2018) was an American playwright, screenwriter and author. He wrote more than 30 plays and nearly the same number of movie screenplays, mostly adaptations of his plays. He received more combined Oscar and Tony nominations than any other writer.

He began writing his own plays beginning with *Come Blow Your Horn* (1961), which took him three years to complete and ran for 678 performances on Broadway. It was followed by two more successful plays, *Barefoot in the Park* (1963) and *The Odd Couple* (1965), for which he won a Tony Award. It made him a national celebrity and "the hottest new playwright on Broadway." During the 1960s to 1980s, he wrote both original screenplays and stage plays, with some films actually based on his plays. His style ranged from romantic comedy to farce to more serious dramatic comedy. Overall, he garnered 17 Tony nominations and won three. During one season, he had four successful plays running on Broadway at the same time, and in 1983 became the only living playwright to have a New York theatre, the Neil Simon Theatre, named in his honor.

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Some Facts about The Odd Couple – Source WIKIPEDIA

The Odd Couple is a play by Neil Simon. Following its premiere on Broadway in 1965, the characters were revived in a successful 1968 film and 1970s television series, as well as several other derivative works and spin-offs. The plot concerns two mismatched roommates: the neat, uptight Felix Ungar and the slovenly, easygoing Oscar Madison. Simon adapted the play in 1985 to feature a pair of female roommates (Florence Ungar and Olive Madison) in **The Female Odd Couple**. An updated version of the 1965 show appeared in 2002 with the title **Oscar and Felix: A New Look at the Odd Couple**.

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In 1985, Neil Simon revised *The Odd Couple* for a female cast. *The Female Odd Couple* was based on the same story line and same lead characters, now called Florence Ungar and Olive Madison. The poker game became Trivial Pursuit with their friends becoming the girlfriends: Mickey, Sylvie, Vera, and Renee. The Pigeon sisters became the Costazuela brothers, Manolo and Jesus.

The Female Odd Couple opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 11, 1985, and closed on February 23, 1986, after 295 performances and nine previews. Directed by Gene Saks, responsible for the 1968 film version, the leads were Sally Struthers and Rita Moreno as Florence (Felix) and Olive (Oscar), respectively, with Lewis J. Stadlen and Tony Shalhoub (in his Broadway debut) as the Costazuela brothers.

A London production of this version ran at the Apollo Theatre in 2001 and starred Paula Wilcox (Florence) and Jenny Seagrove (Olive).

Translated into Spanish as *La extraña pareja* the female version opened in Madrid in 2017. Directed by Andrés Rus, the leads were Susana Hernáiz (Olga/Olive) and Elda García (Flora/Florence) in the main roles.

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Tech Riders

- Stage Size Minimum Dimensions (Approx 40 Feet Width, 30 Feet Depth and 2 and half feet Height) – if stage size is more than this, its perfect. Two wings each for entry and exit on left and right side.
- Lights – General Yellow Halogens (PAR cans) with a few multi colour PAR cans/ LED's.
- Sound – Audiable sound in the Hall. Foot Mikes (4 to 6) depending on the stage size or Head Mikes.

Back Stage Green Room/ Box Facility:- (One for males & One for female's).

- Mirror & Lights
- One Table and Three to Four Chairs.
- Water, Tea / Coffee and Snacks for the artist during Interval.
- One room (in case venue is Hotel for cast to get ready and wait before the show starts)

Incase the Venue is an Auditorium, Standard Tech Requirements would Apply as per Auditoriums.

- **Cast and Crew:-** Upto 15 Total members to Travel

Incase the event is outside Delhi –NCR, following is required for Onstage Sets :

- a) A Dining Table with 6 Chairs
- b) A 5 Seat Sofa Set with two Side Tables
- c) A Normal Service Table / Bar Table

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Audience Reactions





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International Press Comments

"There is scarcely a moment that is not hilarious"

The New York Times

"Fresh, richly hilarious and remarkably original. Wildly, irresistibly, incredibly and continuously funny."

New York Daily News

"Very Funny Indeed" - New York Post

"Endearing" - USA Today