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WICHITA, Kan. -- Wichita Community Theatre will present *Brighton Beach Memoirs* by Neil Simon from January 24-February 10, 2013.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" was the winner of the New York Drama Critics award for Best Play of 1983. It is the first of a trilogy of semi-autobiographical plays written by Neil Simon that also include "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound."

"An evening of genuine, endearing and charming theater." CityBeat, Cincinnati, OH Oct. 2012

Set in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, New York, in 1937 this coming-of-age comedy is told from the perspective of Eugene, age 15, who dreams of playing for the Yankees and seeing a girl naked. Eugene is the play's narrator who with a wry sense of humor as an aspiring writer chronicles the ups and downs of life in the Jerome household. He is the only character, who at times, "steps out of the play" to address the audience directly and give them a snapshot of the family's struggles and secrets in a comic as well as a poignant way.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$14 or \$12 for military/senior/students. There is a special opening night ticket price of \$10 for all on January 24th only. Call for reservations 686-1282. Wichita Community Theatre is located at 258 N. Fountain.

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Wichita Community Theatre is an all volunteer non-profit community theatre organization established by Mary Jane Teall in 1946. WCT performs 8 shows a year plus various special events. For more information go to www.wichtact.org.