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Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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Photo: Penelope Brackett of The Creative Seed

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## **‘Rx’ Sunday Matinees at Dreamcatcher Feature Talkbacks with Creative Team, Therapist and Career Coach**

**Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**, professional Theatre in Residence at Oakes Center in Summit, is presenting the New Jersey premiere of Kate Fodor’s **Rx**. This romantic comedy is coming to Dreamcatcher fresh from its recent Off-Broadway run at Primary Stages in New York City. **Rx** plays February 13 through March 2, with talkbacks following the February 16 and 23 matinees.

The February 16 talkback will feature a conversation with the cast and director of the play, and will follow the Senior Sunday matinee, where all senior tickets are \$20 when purchased in advance. Following the February 16 matinee the panel will also include a special guest, therapist Sandra Dresdner. Based in Summit, Ms. Dresdner has been working in private practice for over thirty years with individuals, couples and families. Dresdner will add a professional perspective to the discussion of the use of medications in the pursuit of happiness as it relates to the themes of the play.

Sandra Dresdner is a graduate of University of Michigan, and Columbia University School of Social Work and completed a postgraduate internship at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. Before going into private practice in 1980 Dresdner worked with neuro-psychiatric patients at the Veterans Administration, the Jewish Guild for the Blind, and the out-patient clinic at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in NY. After taking a few years off to start a family, she went back to work in the Hospice/Home Care at Overlook Hospital. Dresdner then trained at the New Jersey center for Family Studies.

The February 23 talkback will feature the special guest Penelope Brackett, a career coach based in Maplewood. Penelope Brackett is a nationally recognized veteran in the field of career and life coaching. Ms. Brackett coaches individuals and companies to create powerful businesses, vibrant communities and satisfying personal lives. She will bring her expertise on helping people find professional and personal fulfillment to the discussion in the context of the characters’ journeys in **Rx**.

Ms. Brackett has lead presentations and seminars for companies, organizations, universities, and professional schools including Essex-Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children, Mothers and More, HOMEatUSA.com (Connecting Home-Based Women Entrepreneurs), Unitarian Career Transition Group, Donna Reed Festival, Any Minute Now Theater, Elizabeth Browning Studio, New Actors Workshop, Actors Connection, American Academy for Dramatic Art, Brandeis University, Rutgers University, and New York University.



**Rx**, called “a winning combination of light satire and romance” during its New York production, will run at Dreamcatcher from Thursday, February 13 through Sunday, March 2. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$20-\$35, with special rates for subscribers and groups. Purchase tickets online at [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006. All tickets are \$20 at the Thursday, February 13 preview performance, and seniors pay only \$20 on advance purchases only on Senior Sunday, the February 16 matinee.

Performances are at Oakes Center, located at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. Parking is available in the lot behind the theatre on Ashwood Avenue and at the Summit Recreation Center on Morris Avenue. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired and advance large print scripts are available by prior arrangement. To purchase tickets or for information on any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre’s programs, visit [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-514-9654.

### **About Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**

Dreamcatcher was founded in 1994 as a non-profit professional ensemble of actors who build community with the audience by sharing life-affirming stories in an intimate environment. We seek to expose theatregoers to ideas and lives like and unlike their own, to awaken their imaginations and create empathy for others. The company focuses on deepening the experience of our patrons by supplementing the performances with personal contact through receptions, talkbacks and interactive programs.

Dreamcatcher's core company of professional local actors performs contemporary work that entertains and challenges, and has at its heart a belief in the essential goodness of people. The company’s activities include mainstage productions, improvisational comedy and cabarets, new play readings and a variety of educational and senior outreach programs.

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