

San Jose Rep to stage Joe DiPietro's 'The Last Romance'

In 2008, DiPietro debuted *The Last Romance*, which he wrote for Marion Ross of television show "Happy Days" fame.

by [SI News Desk](#) on 09.28.11

Are you ever too old to find love? It's a question that gets lighthearted consideration as San Jose Rep stages Tony Award-winning Joe DiPietro's *The Last Romance*, directed by Laird Williamson.

The season continues at the SJ Rep after the electric opener, [Spring Awakening](#).

Life is suddenly exciting again after 83-year-old Ralph takes a detour from his everyday routine, stumbles headlong into romance.

"Once upon a time an old peasant falls in love with a beautiful princess who lives in a glittering regal tower. They share their troubles and joys, set off on a journey to a magical land of enchantment, and live happily ever after," says director Laird Williamson.

As he attempts to woo the attractive and reluctant Carol with the persistence of a smitten teenager, he finds that love's last round comes with its own set of obstacles. The hesitant couple must negotiate a jealous sibling, secrets from their past, and their own fear of taking the plunge, yet again, as they embark on one more chance at love.

In this small and intimate play, the drama depends on the nuanced interactions of the main characters who are unexpectedly forced out of their lonely ruts.

In 2008, DiPietro debuted *The Last Romance*, which he wrote for Marion Ross of television show "Happy Days" fame and her longtime partner Paul Michael. San Jose Rep's production features Kitty Winn in the role of Carol and Will Marchetti as Ralph.

