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Ron Yamauchi and Jimmy Yi star in *The Odd Couple* at Richmond Cultural Centre.

A new twist on *The Odd Couple*

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Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre is bringing a fresh and unique twist to the classic Neil Simon play, *The Odd Couple*.

In this hilarious version, the cast will be predominantly actors of Asian-heritage—and all performances will include Chinese subtitles.

The Odd Couple, first performed in 1965, is about two men—one divorced and one estranged and neither quite sure why their marriages fell apart—who move in together to save money for alimony and suddenly discover they're having the same conflicts and fights they had in their marriages.

This production is directed by Raugi Yu. Oscar is played by Ron Yamauchi and Jimmy Yi plays Felix. In the supporting roles as the poker buddies are Sean Cummings (Speed) and past *Sex In Vancouver* members Jono Lee (Murray), Tom Chin (Vinnie) and Ed Fong (Roy). And rounding out the cast as the sexy Pidgeon sisters are Carmine Bernhardt (Gwen) and Lissa Neptuno (Cecily).


The theatre company is hoping to bring several segments of the community together with the production.

“We really have an opportunity here to grow our audience base in a big way,” said producer Joyce Lam.

The play runs July 17 to 27 at Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate. Tickets are \$23 in advance (www.vact.ca), or \$25 by reservation (778-885-1973) and at the door.

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