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Delray's Peter Fogel stars in 'Til Death Do Us Part...You First!'

By Marvin Glassman

Jewish comedian Peter Fogel of Delray Beach stars in the one-man play "Til Death Do Us Part...You First!," running now through Oct. 29 at **Mizner Park Cultural Center** in Boca Raton.



Based on his life, Fogel stars as a middle-aged Jewish bachelor, still looking for his soul mate, playing a number of funny characters in an exploration of how he failed to find his mate.



"The play is both funny and also dramatic. My character regrets some of his decisions in his love life and recalls many adventures in his life that were romantic disasters," said Fogel.

Fogel uses a multi-media video presentation and many different voices to play the many characters in his show.

Fogel explores his adventures in online dating in his humorous search for his soul mate, as revealed in a funny line from the play.

"The longest relationship I've ever had is with T-Mobile," said Fogel.

The play played to positive reviews when it debuted in Los Angeles last March.

"Fogel entertains us with anecdotes and characters that hold particular importance to the story, skillfully bringing them to life with his gift for mimicry," wrote theatre critic Samantha Simmonds on the website "nohoartsdistrict.com."

The 56-year-old Fogel has performed as a stand up comedian for more than 30 years, starring in many South Florida shows, such as "Kosher Comedy Tour" at Boca Black Box and other venues, including many synagogues and temples.

When not on stage, Fogel uses his comic skills to engage his business clients at seminars on motivational speaking.

"Beginning my seminars with jokes always makes my clients relaxed and more inclined to listen to what I have to say," said Fogel.

Comedian Steve Solomon, known for his many South Florida one-man plays such as "***My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm In Therapy***" often hires Fogel to portray Solomon's characters in the show when the play is booked in Texas.

"Peter is extremely gifted. He not only tells jokes, but uses voices and inflections in his voices to accentuate the humor. His humor comes from Peter's observations of everyday life and his ability to act. I am enchanted with Peter's ability to perform," said Solomon.

For tickets at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real in Boca Raton, call 844-672-2849 or go to www.tildeathdousparttheplay.com.