

T H E A T E R

Comedian promises laughs for all at his Seven Angels performance

Who would be so heartless as to break up with someone on Valentine's Day? Ask Peter Fogel and he'll tell you all about it during his upcoming performance of "Til Death Do Us Part ... You First."

This is a one-man show scheduled at Seven Angels Theatre on March 2 and 3. Having spoken with Peter, I know you will have a good laugh.

"I'm not a stand-up comedian," he explained, adding that he has been trained as an actor at SUNY Purchase and that his performance is quite theatrical. "I even have a multimedia presentation in the show."

I spoke to Peter last Tuesday while he was in Florida and it was snowing here. He's not worried about snowy weather for his March engagements here because he knows we'll put on our boots



and drive. "Some of my largest audiences have been in Rochester," he said referring to how people like to be outdoors in the spring and summer. Winter is the best time to be indoors at a theater.

As soon as he said something funny, I began to laugh and he responded by continually being funny. It was almost as if someone turned on a switch and he was "on." I asked him about this.

"That's because you laughed," he explained to me. "Once you start laughing I've got an audience."

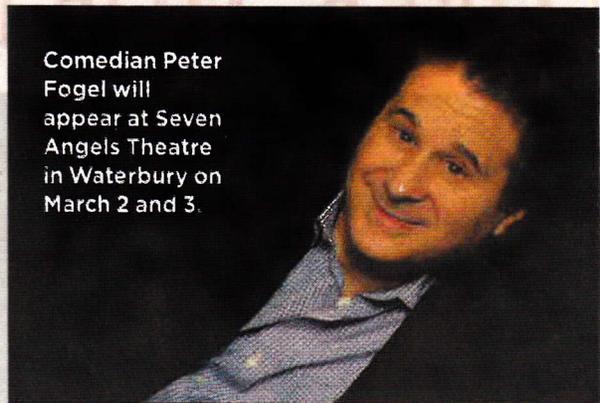
Not only does Peter have an

audience, but unlike some stand-up comedians, he has an Academy Award-winning director — Chazz Palminteri.

"You need an outside eye and ear to refine the performance," he explained and pointed out how his expert director told him that there is "real time," which involves the pacing in comedy, and there is "artistic time" that can turn a line from flat to funny.

"Whether you're single, married, or divorced, I hit all the buttons," said the man who is known as the eternal bachelor. Was he always so funny? "I came from a dysfunctional family and humor was my way out."

There's so much online dating these days that Peter went online and signed in as a comedian. "He received no responses. Just as a test he declared himself a plastic surgeon and got 300 responses. "Everyone lies online," he said.



Comedian Peter Fogel will appear at Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury on March 2 and 3.

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His shows contain a lot of personal information. "I take everything from my real life and put it into the act. It's all universal. I've had people come up to me after a show and tell me they couldn't stop laughing because everything I said was so true. I can tell you the men will be laughing as much as the women.

While he had me laughing throughout the entire interview, I finally got him to be serious enough to let me know that when he is not "on," he likes to read. He reads financial articles. Oh, and he's also a copywriter and has written four books.

Check them out at Amazon.com. Most importantly check out this comedian before he becomes a household name like Jerry Seinfeld or Ray Romano and then you can brag, "I knew him when he was at Seven Angels Theatre and ..."

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Past Oscar nominee directing 1-man show at Seven Angels

Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, creator of the theatrical franchise "A Bronx Tale," has come on board to direct Peter Fogel's multi-media solo show, "Til Death Do Us Part... You First!" at Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury.

The 70-minute show will be presented March 2 at 8 p.m. and again on March 3 at 2 p.m.

In his performance, Fogel has major commitment issues as the love of his life has just broken up with him on Valentine's Day. He senses his own mortality and after much soul searching decides to revisit the scene of all his romantic disasters. Fogel mixes his signature wit along with relatable characters to

take the audience on a comedic journey of searching for a soulmate and the meaning of a real commitment. Fogel laments: "The longest relationship I've had is with T-Mobile."

Fogel is an award-winning comedian, actor, and playwright who's performed in the United States, Canada and Australia for more than 25 years.

Seven Angels Theatre is at 1 Plank Road, Waterbury. GPS directions use: Hamilton Park, Waterbury. Free Parking.

Tickets are \$35. To purchase call 203-757-4676, visit SevenAngelsTheatre.org or stop in the box office. Doors and Devil's Corner Bar open one hour before the show.



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2/23 The Cave MicroBrew Night
2/24 Sundaes on Sunday



Saturday, March 2 at 8 PM
and Sunday, March 3 at 2 PM.

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