

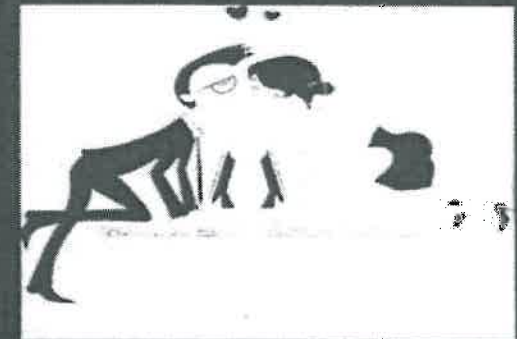
The Slavic Department's course in
fourth-year Russian

PRESENTS

Directed by Nina Shkolnik

Office Romance

Служебный Роман



April 12th, 2018

12:00—1:00

Office Romance

Director:

Nina Siskolnik

Act One

A day in the life of a statistician. Work carries on as usual until Yuri Samokhvalov comes to work. Old friends reunite and hatch a plan for plan for Novoseltsev to get a promotion.

Act Two

Samokhvalov's dinner party. Just drinking with the boss. What could go wrong?

Act Three

Back at the office. Novoseltsev is afraid he will lose his job. Lyudmila wants to try a new look. Olya tries to reconcile things with Yuri.

Act Four

Lyudmila and Novoseltsev are getting close. What will happen? Could it be a work-related emotionally-based entanglement?

Lyudmila Prokofievna Kalugina: director of the statistics institution.

Anatoli Yefremovich Novoseltsev: worker at the statistics institution.

Yuri Grigorievich Samokhvalov: friend of Novoseltsev and new assistant director.

Olga Petrovna Ryzhova (Olya): friend of Novoseltsev and worker at the Statistics Institute.

Verochka: secretary to Kalugina.

Если бы не было ступенек, мы бы даже не подозревали о том, как хорошо мы работаем...

1970's Moscow: Anatoli Yefremovich.

Novoseltsev works in a statistics institution, whose director is an unattractive and bossy woman. An old friend of his, Yuri Grigorievich Samokhvalov, who gets appointed assistant director of the institution, wants to make Novoseltsev the head of the department but encounters objections from Lyudmila Prokofievna Kalugina, the director. Samokhvalov then advises Novoseltsev to lightly hit on the boss. Ironically, there might be office romance in the air...

The Play

Cast of Characters

СЛУЖЕБНЫЙ РОМАН

Dedicated to...



In memory of Eldar Ryazanov (1927-2015)
director of *Office Romance* (1977), *The Garage* (1980)
and many others.



Mariam Haidar

When she's not struggling to get out of bed, coding over-complicated algorithms, or working on a last minute Russian translation, Mariam can be found planning her next road trip, managing her Etsy, and/or loving her cat Tiger. Mariam is a graduating 5th year Senior majoring in Astronomy and Astrophysics, Interdisciplinary Physics, and minoring in Russian.



Amelia Feuka

Amelia is a junior majoring in International Studies and Russian Language and Literature. She loves spending time with her sisters in Ann Arbor and hiking with her boyfriend. She aspires to one day work in the intelligence field as an analyst. In the meantime, Amelia enjoys being a full-time mother of her cat, Jefferson.



Arthur Mengozzi

An ardent learner of foreign languages and a proud member of the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club, Arthur spends his time reading Russian literature, listening to classical music, and exploring the intricacies of whatever language suits his fancy that day. Arthur is a sophomore studying Russian Language and Literature and International Studies.



Peixin Yang

Peixin is a graduating senior majoring in Economics and Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies. She's been thinking about visiting Central Asia after graduation and still haven't completed the Tran-Siberian Railway trip on her bucket list. As a non-native speaker, she is hoping that someday her Russian would be as fluent as her English.



Jason Rumsey

Jason is a graduating senior with degrees in communications and Russian culture. Whenever he's not trying to find time to do important things like eat and sleep, he's busy pursuing dreams of working in the intelligence community and competing on American Ninja Warrior.



Michael Fealey

Michael is a second year M.A. student in the Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies. He is also a member of the reference department at the Bentley Historical Library here at U of M.



Paul Rizik

Paul Rizik is a graduate student in the Center for Russian and Eastern European Languages.



Haley Larson

Haley is a graduating senior majoring in Russian and Statistics. As a fifth year senior, she has been counting down the days until graduation for as long as she can remember.



Mark Dovich

Mark is a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio. He initially became interested in Russian due to family background in the region and began studying Russian in high school. At Michigan, Mark is pursuing a double major in Political Science and Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. He hopes to work in international relations after graduation.