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ARDEN PLAYHOUSE OPENS ITS SECOND SHOW WITH A COMEDY PREMIERE It's a brand new comedy in a brand new theater!

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present the second production in its beautiful new theater...the first new theater in unincorporated Sacramento County in decades. *The Romantic Imagination* is another wild farce by local playwright Michael Messmer opening on May 14th.

How confused can a man get about women? That's the situation for writer Jack Lassiter in *The Romantic Imagination* as he gets three radically different views on the subject from three women...including an imaginary one from the murder mystery he hasn't been able to finish. Larry, Jack's manager, took him skiing to get his mind off the femme fatale of his latest novel, a character Jack has fallen in love with. However, an accident has left Jack believing the character is real, and she has her own expectations of him. When the manager has a young woman pretend to be Jack's girl friend (or is she pretending to be Larry's wife?) Jack gets another viewpoint on what women want. And then, when Larry's wife shows up and Larry persuades her to pretend to be the imaginary woman, Jack gets yet another and very different lesson. As confused and frustrated as Jack gets from all the different points of view, it somehow makes him a better writer. When another woman arrives, everyone wonders whether Jack is living in reality or in his imagination.

The Romantic Imagination has its Arden Playhouse opening on May 14th and continues on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm until June 19th. Sunday matinees are May 23rd and 30th, June 6th and 13th at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission. Tickets can be arranged by calling (916) 332-2582.

Arden Playhouse is located at 5640 Roseville Road, Suite D, Sacramento, and seats 150.

Arden Playhouse is a community theater dedicated to continuing its tradition of presenting comedies in a casual setting.

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For more information about *The Romantic Imagination*, or to find out about our group discounts, call the theater office at 332-2582, email admin@ardenplayhouse.com, or check the website ardenplayhouse.com.

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