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HOW CAN BEING ABSOLUTELY HONEST GET YOU IN A LOT OF TROUBLE?

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present *Absolutely Honest*, a new play by Michael Messmer, Sacramento's most prolific comedy playwright. Messmer has written over thirty comedies, many of which have been preformed at Arden Playhouse. He is a master of intelligent, peppy dialogue and action that keeps audiences entertained. *Absolutely Honest* is a fast-paced, classic bedroom farce, complete with lots of door slamming, hanky-panky, and enough misunderstandings to keep the laughter rolling from beginning to end.

Being absolutely honest can get you in a lot of trouble...a lesson Chris is learning the hard way. His wife, Liz, is divorcing him after he confesses a one-night, drunken fling with Marcy (a fellow worker). But after sharing a night together in his new apartment, Chris and Liz are reminded of how much they care for each other, and Liz is ready to reconsider. Then she discovers a pair of shoes that are not hers.

When Marcy arrives and wants Chris to explain to her boyfriend, Rock, what happened between them and identifies the shoes as hers, Chris has to find a way to prove himself to Liz. Adding to the tension, Rock (who is an unlikely looking physical fitness trainer) keeps showing up at Chris's apartment. His plan is simply to make sure Chris stays away from Marcy...by beating him up. Things get more complicated as Marcy, who thinks Rock is the hottest, most exciting man she's ever known, uses romantic encounters in Chris' apartment to divert Rock's questions. Unaware of what his apartment is being used for, Chris accidentally ends up in bed with Marcy. When Liz arrives to get her briefcase, and Rock returns to find Chris with Marcy...things get even wilder. All of this and more make this comedy a wild romp and a hilarious look at what can happen with being *Absolutely Honest*.

Absolutely Honest opens on Friday, September 16th with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through October 22nd, with Sunday matinees at 2pm on September 25th and October 2nd.

All tickets are \$18 general admission. Tickets can be reserved 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 entertainment in a casual setting.

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For more information about *Absolutely Honest*, or to find out about our group discounts, call the theater office at 332-2582, email <u>admin@ardenplayhouse.com</u>, <u>arden@ardenplayhouse.com</u>, or check the website <u>ardenplayhouse.com</u>.