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TAKE ONE DEPRESSED HUSBAND; ADD A WIFE FOND OF SOAP OPERAS; STIR THINGS UP... AND YOU GET A **SOAP SOLUTION**.

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present *Soap Solution*, a comedy in two acts by Michael Messmer. Messmer has written over thirty plays and has seen many of them produced at Arden Playhouse. He is also the director of *Soap Solution* and has incorporated elements of melodrama, bedroom farce, and vaudeville to craft *Soap Solution* into a wildly hilarious and zany romp.

Larry King thinks he's washed up as a writer. His wife recently left him in an attempt to shake him out of his depression. Now he's gone to a mountain cabin for a few weeks of peace and quiet and crossword puzzles. His wife, however, has other plans for him. She's hired some actors who've done bit parts on several soap operas. Her plan is for them to get him caught up in a crazy story they have concocted based on their experiences in the soaps. Keeping him confused is their objective and they seem to succeed for a while with situations that range from a potential suicide to a potential sexual orgy. Just when his wife thinks they've succeeded in rattling his cage, he turns the tables on her and (with a little help from the actors) convinces his wife that her plan may have gone awry.

Arden Playhouse is thrilled to welcome veteran Patty Thiel and four new actors to its company for *Soap Solution*. Patty Thiel (Sarah), Phillip Pittman (Larry), Stephanie Hobson (Marsha), Stephanie Smith (Gwen), and Chris Smith (Jeff) are the talented cast bringing this entertaining comedy to life.

Soap Solution opens on Friday, March 9, 2012 with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through April 21. Sunday matinees are at 2pm on March 18 and April 1, 2012.

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.

Press Photos Available

For more information about *Soap Solution*, 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 ardenplayhouse.com.

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