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ARDEN PLAYHOUSE OPENS WITH A COMEDY PREMIERE

It's a brand new comedy in a brand new theater!

How much fun can you have in the hospital?

Tons, in the world premiere of **The Witherspoon Waltz**, a madcap farce by local playwright and director, Michael Messmer. In the style of a Marx Brothers romp, theater producer Hal Stine (Matthew Udall) is desperate to get financial backing for a new show from wealthy widow Mrs. Witherspoon (Betty Schoepf). So desperate, in fact, that he has tracked her to the hospital where she is being treated for unexplained fatigue. When Hal pretends to be a psychiatrist called in to help, his methods distract her doctor, lead to wild chases in a wheelchair, cause everyone to try to hide, and send a waltz spinning out of control. Along the way, we find that Hal is surprisingly caring, the doctor has a few tricks of her own, and Mrs. Witherspoon is nobody's fool.

The Witherspoon Waltz has its Arden Playhouse grand opening on March 19th and continues on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm (with several Sunday matinees at 2pm) until April 24th. 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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