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CAN JERRY GOODMAN POSSIBLY BE TOO KIND FOR HIS OWN GOOD?

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present *Dexterity*, a new play by Michael Messmer, Sacramento's most prolific comedy playwright. *Dexterity* has a lot of heart and a whole lot of laughs as we see what happens to literary agent Jerry Goodman, a man who may be too kind for his own good.

Jerry has taken an option on a new novel. If he can't make a deal with a Hollywood producer to pick up the option, he is out of a job (and a huge amount of money). The producer asked Jerry to show him an authentic New England Christmas, so Jerry rented a farmhouse in Connecticut. Jerry's wife isn't happy about rearranging her life for the holidays but she's doing her best to make things go well by bringing in part-time help to cook. Immediately complicating matters is a homeless man Jerry brought home. Dexter alters personalities from a barely verbal derelict who may be hearing voices to a seemingly well-educated, erudite and romantic assistant (who may suffer from narcolepsy). The cook thinks there's something familiar about Dexter and doubts he's really a homeless person, but a relationship begins to develop between them that adds both confusion and zest. When the producer and his wife arrive early, Jerry and his wife provide a plausible explanation for Dexter's presence. When Dexter discovers that the producer isn't what he seems, information is supplied that appears to ruin the deal and Jerry's career. But Dexter isn't what he seems, either, returning Jerry's kindness with surprising generosity.

Dexterity opens on Friday, November 5 with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through December 18th, with Sunday matinees at 2pm on November 21st and December 5th. 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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