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RECOVERING FROM A HEART ATTACK HAS NEVER BEEN SO FUNNY.

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present ***Oatmeal and Kisses***, a romantic comedy by Murray Schisgal. (Produced with permission of Dramatists Play Service, Inc.) Murray Schisgal is well known for his off-beat comedy, **LUV**. He has written over fifty plays for the stage and has also written for television and films. In 1993 Schisgal was an Oscar nominee in the screen play category for "Tootsie".

Oatmeal and Kisses is directed by Blake Flores, who has been acting, directing and producing in local community theater for over thirty years. He began his directorial endeavors in 1987 with the Volcano Theatre Company's production of Fred Carmichael's *Done To Death*. He has since directed over 30 local productions, most recently Jack Sharkey's *Who's On First?* at Big Idea Theatre, which he co-founded in 2003.

Arden Playhouse is thrilled to welcome Blake Flores and three new actors to its family for this amazing ensemble. Dan Beard (Schneider), Frank Hickox (Peter), and Corinne Nelson (Roxanne), are the talented cast bringing life to ***Oatmeal and Kisses***. Dan Beard has worked in numerous theaters around the Sacramento area including the WSCT as well as the Woodland Opera House, The Thistle Dew Theater, the Ooley Theater and the Big Idea Theater. Frank Hickox has been acting since high school. His plays include *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Out of Sight*, *Out of Murder* and *The Servant of Two Masters*. Corinne Nelson has been active in theatre most of her life and has an extensive background in improvisation and is an alum of the Sacramento Comedy Spot's Free Hooch Comedy Troupe.

Schneider is a dynamo, living life to the fullest. But, with age, there have been consequences. A short stay in the hospital because of a heart attack has reminded him of his mortality. Although it has made him concerned about what might become of Roxanne, his much younger wife, he has forgotten that he agreed to get help in changing his life-style. When the specialist arrives from the hospital things start to get complicated. Peter is a physical fitness doctor who lives with his patients for several weeks while he gets them to change their diet and other risky habits. At first Schneider objects to this plan, but after Roxanne uses some charm and threats, he agrees. But Schneider has another motive in mind. Later, after Schneider has become a health-nut, it appears that he has been trying to get Peter to marry Roxanne...and the doctor is certainly enamored of her by this point. But, at last, it is Roxanne who gets exactly what she wants.

Oatmeal and Kisses opens on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through February 25. Sunday matinees are at 2pm on January 22 and February 5, 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.

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