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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE THE TERM "SLAPSTICK" COMES FROM??

Schemes and Scams of Scapan

Adapted by Michael Messmer

Arden Playhouse is delighted to present the world's most famous farce, Moliere's SCAPIN. First produced in 1671, this wild comedy has seen thousands of productions since...with hundreds of adaptations including a musical and a ballet. Audiences are captivated not just by the exuberant enthusiasm of the story but also by Moliere's genius for turning human flaws into riotous fun. Adapted and updated by producer and director Michael Messmer as the ***Schemes and Scams of Scapan***, this wild farce still rings with as much laughter as it did over 300 years ago. Okay, so we didn't update it that much...mostly Moliere's comedy is timeless and how often do you get to actually use real slapsticks in a show anymore?

Michael Messmer has been acting, directing, writing and producing in local community theater for over thirty years. Most recently he has written and produced a number of his own plays at Arden Playhouse, including Soap Solution, Witherspoon Waltz, Wise Guise, Trust Me, and many more.

The ensemble of talented actors bringing ***The Schemes and Scams of Scapan*** to life include Keri Long (Madame Argante), Vincent Keene (Scapan), Claire Langton (Hyacinthe), Frank Hickox (Octave), D.L. Shields (Silvestre), Laura Hechel (Zerbinette), Stephen Watson (Geronte), and Scott Plotkin (Leandre).

Schemes and Scams of Scapan opens on Friday, September 14, 2012 with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm through October 20. Sunday matinees are at 2pm on September 23 & 30 and October 7 & 14.

All tickets are \$15 with a reservation and \$18.00 at the door. (Cash or check only.)

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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