



Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities and Executive Producer James A. Blackman III announce the play ***The Nerd by Larry Shue*** at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse March 25 - April 6 directed by Ted Escobar. This will be the fourth play of the 2007/2008 Season.

One of the funniest plays ever written, this extraordinarily inventive, sidesplitting comedy was first presented by the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, then produced in Great Britain, then went on to Broadway. The action centers on the hilarious dilemma of a young architect who is visited by a man he's never met but who saved his life in a war -the visitor turning out to be an incredibly inept, hopelessly stupid "nerd" who outstays his welcome with a vengeance.

THE STORY: Now an aspiring young architect in Terre Haute, Indiana, Willum Cubbert has often told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam. He has written to Rick to say that, as long as he is alive, "you will have somebody on Earth who will do anything for you"-so Willum is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of his thirty-fourth birthday party. But his delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless "nerd"-a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence and less tact. And Rick stays on and on, his continued presence among Willum and his friends leading to one uproarious incident after another, until the normally placid Willum finds himself contemplating violence-a dire development which, happily, is staved off by the surprising "twist" ending of the play.

“bring[s] the audience to its knees, laughing.” - Milwaukee Journal.
“handkerchiefs wiping away tears of merriment...” Variety

CALENDAR

THE NERD

WRITTEN BY LARRY SHUE

Executive Producer James A. Blackman III

Director - Ted Escobar

Associate Producer - Stephanie Coltrin

Set Designer/Associate Producer- Christopher Beyries

CAST

Willum Cubert - Mike Tushaus

Tansy McGinnis - Jessica Gisin

Axel Hammond - Don Fowler

Rick Steadman - Jeff Asch

Warnock Wallgrave - Jack Messenger

Clelia Wallgrave - Aileen-Marie Scott

Thor Wallgrave - Brendan Brady

Hermosa Beach Playhouse: located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Pier Ave.
Complimentary Valet Parking

Tickets are \$35, \$40, \$45

Schedule

PREVIEWS: Tuesday, Mar 25 through Thursday, Mar 27.

PRESS OPENING: FRIDAY, MARCH 28 at 8 pm

REGULAR SCHEDULE: Tuesday through Saturdays at 8 P.M.

SUNDAY MATINEES: Mar 30 & Apr 6 at 2 P.M.

CLOSES: Sunday, Apr 6 at 7 P.M.

TICKETS: \$35 - \$45

For Tickets call: 310-372-4477

PLEASE NOTE:

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