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*Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities and Executive Producer James A. Blackman, III.  
presents*

***Triple Espresso – a highly caffeinated comedy,  
that will perk up the South Bay Jan. 17-29 and The San Fernando Valley  
Playhouse at the historic El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood Feb. 1-12.***

Triple Espresso tells the rags-to-rags story of Hugh Butternut, Buzz Maxwell and Bobby Bean, an aspiring comedy trio whose bid for showbiz fame and fortune ended in four minutes of magnificent failure on national television. It's a high-energy, vaudeville-inspired comedy for all ages, packed with music, magic and monkey business, and bursting with fun.

After opening in 1997, the show has played in 34 theaters, with more than 8500 performance for more than 1.5 million patrons. Not bad for a show that started over pancakes and java!

## CALENDAR AND FACT SHEET:

**Executive Producer:** Dennis Babcock  
**Director:** William Partlan  
**Set Design:** Nayna Ramey  
**Lighting Design:** Michael Klaers  
**Conceived, written and starring:**  
Bill Arnold, Michael Pearce Donley, Bob Stromberg

### Hermosa Beach Playhouse Schedule:

Previews Jan. 17-19 at 8:00 p.m.

Opens Friday Jan. 20 at 8 p.m.

Runs Tues. – Sat. 8 p.m.

Sunday Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

Final performances Sunday Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Hermosa Beach Playhouse is located at Pier Ave and Pacific Coast Highway -- there is valet parking. For tickets and information: Call 310-372-4477. Tickets are \$35, \$40, \$45.

### San Fernando Valley Playhouse Schedule:

Opens Feb. 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Runs Tues. – Sat. 8 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 4, 11 at 2 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Final performance Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.

The San Fernando Valley Playhouse at the El Portal Theatre is located at 5269 Lankershim Blvd. -- at the corner of Lankershim and Weddington. There is complimentary parking at the corner of Weddington and Bakman.

For tickets and information: Call 818-764-2400 or visit [www.civilightopera.com](http://www.civilightopera.com).  
Tickets are \$35, \$40, \$45.

*"A frothy, forget-all-your-worries evening of entertainment, will leave you chuckling all the way home!" – Chicago Sun-Times*

