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HARRY IS TRYING ON A DRESS FOR A CHARITY EVENT, BUT GETS CAUGHT IN A PICKLE INSTEAD!

The Costume Ball

by Norman Beim

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Directed by Michael Messmer

Arden Playhouse is pleased to present *The Costume Ball* by Norman Beim. *The Costume Ball* received the Robert J. Pickering Award for Playwright Excellence.

Harry and Gwen are going to a charity masquerade ball, but Harry's costume has gone astray. Gwen suggests that he wear an old dress of her aunt's. He doesn't like the idea of wearing a dress. They bicker; she wins.

Harry tries on the dress and starts to enjoy it. Add some makeup, a wig...and something to make him not look so flat-chested, and he feels like he's playing a glamorous role.

The doorbell rings. When Gwen opens the door, Harry is discovered dressed as a woman by Wilbur Wilberforce, an upright businessman from Chicago, whom Harry hopes will save his advertising agency from bankruptcy. Harry panics and pretends to be "Hilary", supposedly Harry's sister from Boston. Things get rather sticky when Wilberforce seems to be enamored of "Hilary." But then there's one more twist that let's us know Harry wasn't as clever as he thought in playing the role of Hilary.

Stars: Keri Long as Gwen Harris, Mark Stone as Harry Harris, and Eddie Madrigal as Wilbur Wilberforce

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.

Performance Dates:

8PM Fridays and Saturdays - - November 9, 10, 16, 17, 30; December 1, 7, 8, 14, & 15

Sunday Matinees 2PM - - November 18; December 2 & 9

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.

Press Photos Available

For more information about *The Costume Ball* or to find out about our group discounts, call the theater office at 332-2582, email admin@ardenplayhouse.com, arden@ardenplayhouse.com, or check the website ardenplayhouse.com.

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