

'Unnecessary Farce' Impresses With Delirious Comedy

The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol presents its first show in its new Mini Summer Vacation Series.

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Audiences at The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol left "Unnecessary Farce" in fits of giggles.

In fact, the theater was filled with laughter from beginning to end.

This fast-paced comedy unfolds in two motel rooms, where an embezzling mayor (Mark Edward Smith) is supposed to meet with his new accountant (Whitney Morse), who is in cahoots with the undercover cops (Matt Katzenmeier and Da'Zaria Harris) next door.

But hilarious complications begin and the characters are left confused about who is in which room, who all is involved and who hired the Scottish Highland hit man (Nick Bublitz).

The Studio Theatre's set featured a half wall dividing the two motel rooms, suggesting a mirror.

It allowed audiences to see the action unfold in each room without any additional obstacles for patrons on far ends of the seating area.



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The show continues at 2 and 7 p.m. on select dates through July 1.

Tickets are \$35, available at thevillagesentertainment.com or any Villages Box Office location.

Patrons should note that there is use of prop guns and a suggestion of violence. Other content warnings are found at thesharonstudio.com.



Above: Da'Zaria Harris plays officer Billie Dwyer in "Unnecessary Farce," which runs at 2 and 7 p.m. on select dates until July 1 at The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol.

Left: Nick Bublitz portrays Todd, the Scottish Highland hit man, in The Studio's production of "Unnecessary Farce."

True to any farce, this show relies on absurd situations that require its actors to be spot on for specific cues such as doors opening and closing, as well as positions on stage.

This cast didn't miss a single beat, working in tandem to create the believable out-

of the show's unbelievable circumstances.

There was a constant, palpable energy on the stage, making this exciting show a must-see.

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the Village of Duval. "These people are working their craft and you can tell they are passionate.

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He said this was the second

time seeing a show at The Studio Theatre for him and his wife, Linda Workman.

"I'm very pleased," Scott said. "We had such a good time and we'll definitely be back."

Linda said she resonated with the humor.

"I think it's fantastic," she said. "They are all so talented."

The actors also showcased their skill in wordy monologues, tricky accents and simultaneous dialogues.

"My favorite part was the accent misunderstandings," said Jean Daley, of the Village of Pennecamp.

She attended the show with her friends, Nancy Paulsea and Kim Cunha, of the same village.

Paulsea and Cunha said they particularly enjoyed the show because they are planning a trip to Scotland.

"After this show we'll have to try to keep a straight face when we see a kilt or hear an accent," Paulsea said.

Daley said she was particularly impressed by actors Harris and Bublitz but said the whole cast of "Unnecessary Farce" was outstanding.

"It was all so well-timed and there was a physical aspect to the show, too," Daley said. "People have to come see this."

She said this was her second time seeing the show, and she enjoyed it just as much as last time, even though she knew the plot twists.

"This kind of comedy isn't easy," Cunha said. "It was just hilarious. It was more than I expected."

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