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APA's Dinner Theater Fundraiser, "Don't Dress for Dinner" Runs Sept. 7-10

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., July 14, 2017 2:45p.m.: Upon high demand comes the sequel to "Boeing, Boeing" performed by the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts' Acting Department. Directed by APA Theatre alumnus, Jacob Menke, "Don't Dress for Dinner" follows lies, false identities, and betrayal among multiple characters.

This high-paced farce will be in the APA Studio Theater (Black Box) on September 7-9 at 6:00 p.m. and a matinee on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. This is the Theatre Department's annual fundraiser, and each event includes an hour-long preshow with food, live music by the Music, Media and Entertainment Technology Department, and opportunity baskets. VIP tickets, which include priority seating and additional VIP rewards, cost \$40. Reserved seating is \$35. Tickets are available for purchase at www.hbapa.org/see. All attendees receive a high-class meal with dinner and dessert, and a quality show they won't forget.

"Don't Dress for Dinner" uses slapstick comedy to show a combination of lies and deceit that causes an originally relaxing weekend away to turn into a catastrophe. While identities become unknown and confusion swirls among characters, the audience will not be able to contain their laughter.

"Between multiple alleged affairs among numerous people, models becoming cooks and cooks becoming mistresses, miscommunication and bribery rules," said Director Jacob Menke.

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About Don't Dress for Dinner:

Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Parisian mistress in his charming converted French farmhouse, whilst his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along too to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Well.... suppose Robert turns up not realizing quite why he has been invited. Suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently determined that Jacqueline will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress is unable to cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed.

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