

If You Like Whodunits, You'll Enjoy The 39 Steps

If you enjoy murder mysteries and theater performances that aren't too deep or serious, you'll probably enjoy the quirky show, *The 39 Steps*, which will be at the Lone Tree Arts Center April 2 through April 11, 2015.

Described as Hitchcock meets hilarious, the play features just four cast members who play more than 100 roles in a fast-paced whodunit. In addition to the zany characters, the Tony Award-winning show is packed with laughs, an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and romance.

The story revolves around a man with a boring life, who meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale.

The New York Times referred to the show as "absurdly enjoyable" and the *Daily News* called it "a dizzy delight!"

Adapted by Patrick Barlow from the novel by John Buchan from the movie of Alfred Hitchcock, *The 39 Steps* is performed by just four cast members. In Lone Tree, those performers will be:

- **John DiAntonio**, who is making his Lone Tree Arts Center debut. John's recent acting credits include: *The Liar*, *Hope & Gravity*, *Taming of the Shrew*, and *Land of the Dead*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Is He Dead?*, *Othello* and *A Christmas Carol*. In addition to performing, John has written several plays. His show *Harry the Great* played at LTAC in 2012. His newest play, *I Love St. Lucy*, is going up at Creede Repertory Theatre this summer.

- **Sammie Joe Kinnett**, who is working with The Lone Tree Arts Center for the first time. In 2013, he received Best Actor Award from both the Pike's Peak Arts Council and The Gazette's Best of. His past performances include *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, *How I Became A Pirate*, *The Servant of Two Masters*, *The Lying Kind* and *You Can't Take it With You*.
- **Heather Nicolson**, another cast member making her debut at LTAC. Her local credits include The Denver Center for the Performing Arts' New Play Summit & Off Center at the Jones, The Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and the upcoming production of *Brighton Beach Memoirs* at Miners Alley Playhouse.
- **Graham Ward**, who has performed at the Lone Tree Arts Center in Creede Repertory Theatre's production of *Harry the Great*. Other regional credits include *Harvey*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Mousetrap*, *Hope and Gravity*, *The Liar*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Tamin' of the Shrew*, *Mrs. Mannerly* and *Is He Dead?*

For more information, visit <http://lonetreeartscenter.org> or call the box office at 720.509.1000. The Lone Tree Arts Center is located at 10075 Commons Street, Lone Tree CO 80124.