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**PLAY 1
MYSTERY
Agatha
Christie's
Black Coffee**

July 7 -
August 1, 2010

**PLAY 2
COMEDY
The Men
of
Mah Jongg**

September 1 -
September 26, 2010

**PLAY 3
COMEDY/DRAMA
Lulu's
Last
Stand**

October 27 -
November 21, 2010

**PLAY 4
COMEDY
Murderers**

December 8 -
December 19, 2010

**PLAY 5
DRAMA/ROMANCE
Tucumcari**

February 2 -
February 27, 2011

**PLAY 6
DRAMA
Return
From
the Ashes**

March 30 -
April 24, 2011

**PLAY 7
COMEDY
Art**

May 25 -
June 19, 2011

This little known mystery will surprise and delight Christie fans. The story concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory who has come up with a formula for an atom bomb (**Black Coffee** was written in 1934). In the first act, Sir Claude is poisoned (in his coffee, naturally) and Hercule Poirot is called in to solve the case. He does so after many wonderful twists and turns in true Christie tradition.

This play follows the lives of four elderly men who are starved for emotional support. Each deals with the hole in their lives in different ways, until Sid, who, discovers his late wife's mah jongg set, and convinces them to try the game. Through their conspiring to keep a secret that they have begun to play a traditionally female game, they begin to open up in other ways, and find that they can offer one another hope and nourishment.

When an eccentric, southern matriarch's husband dies suddenly, she summons her quarrelsome offspring to the family's lakeside home in Georgia. The three, off-beat, strong-willed daughters arrive expecting to mourn their father in the usual way. Instead, they experience a weekend full of shocking surprises, emotional bombshells and comical twists and turns that leave them all wondering: How well can we ever really know another human being ... or ourselves?

There's no point wondering who-dunit—this clever play tells us that right off the bat. The fun is finding out how they dun it and why. Pure delight — a very funny comedy with some biting satire and terrific storytelling.

Lillian and Lyle are trying to make a go of it with a modest "tourist court" in New Mexico on the newly booming Route 66. Cade, a wanderer from the past, appears on the front steps of the Watkins' porch and tells tales of adventure. When the Stock Market crashes, Cade is stranded in Tucumcari, finding his way into the lives of Lill and Lyle. Lill, Lyle and Cade make the hard choice to stay on to heal the land and the broken heart of the country.

A Jewess, has returned from a concentration camp to collect her enormous inheritance. Her husband and daughter believe her to be dead, and are determined to acquire her huge fortune. Not recognizing her as their wife and mother, they ask her to embark on a bizarre conspiracy — by accepting, she becomes a woman impersonating a woman impersonating herself. Based on novel of the same name by Hubert Montelhet.

When an art lover buys, what is — in essence — a pure white painting for a horse-choking sum, his best friend goes ballistic. Yet a third friend gets squeezed in the middle. Questions about the meaning of strange modern art and strange modern friendships—and how they're sometimes not all that different—fly thick in the limelight.

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