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**Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Company presents**

**William Shakespeare's THE COMEDY OF ERRORS**

**October 13 – 23, 2011**

**Tickets on sale now!**

**Monterey, CA** - Performances will run October 13 – 23, 2011. Tickets for **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** are priced from \$10 - \$20, with group discounts available. Performances are Thursday October 13 (Preview) at 7:30 PM, Friday October 14 (Opening) at 7:30 PM, Saturday October 15 at 7:30 PM, Sunday October 16 at 2:00 PM, Thursday Oct 20 at 7:30 PM, Friday October 21 at 7:30 PM, Saturday October 22 at 7:30 PM, Sunday October 23 at 2:00 PM.

**THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** is suitable for the entire family. For tickets, go to [www.mpctheatre.com](http://www.mpctheatre.com), call the MPC Box Office at 831-646-4213, or visit the Box Office on the MPC Campus, Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, Thursday & Friday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**The Story:**

It's the story of two identical twin brothers, both of whom are named Dromio, along with their two servants, who are also identical twins, each named Antipholous. Separated at birth, neither set of twins knows about the other so when they all end up in the same town, which of courses leads to uproarious confusion. One of William Shakespeare's earliest plays, **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** was long considered nothing but a lighthearted farce, and one of the Bard's most slapstick comedies. Modern scholars now see the play in a new light, as it uses humor to examine the duality of relationships and to dissect the gulf between Masters & Servants, Husbands & wives, Parents & Children, and the Powerful & the Powerless. One of the oldest comic tales of mistaken identity, **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** includes all the wit, wisdom, and hilarity you've come to expect from Shakespeare over the years.

**The Directors**

Directors Michael Jacobs (Carmel High School Theatre Arts) and Peter DeBono (Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Arts) have joined an amazing cast of young actors for this production of **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS**. Featuring **Oliver Banham** (Antipholus of Syracuse) & **Matthew T Pavellas** (Antipholus of Ephesus); and real life twins **Jared** (Dromoio of Syracuse) **Liebmilller** and **Noah** (Dromio of Espheus) **Liebmilller**.

**Michael D. Jacobs** (co-Director) teaches Theatre Arts at Carmel High School. He has performed at MPC in numerous shows over the years, such as *Laughter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor*, and *Merry Christmas, George Bailey*. He appeared as Groucho Marx in MPC's production of *Animal Crackers*, and the title role in *Tartuffe*. Michael can often be seen on-stage at PacRep Theatre where he has been performing for the past 25 years, assaying such roles as Salieri in *Amadeus*, lago in *Othello*, and the titular role in *King Lear*.

**Peter DeBono** (co-Director) is chairman-emeritus of the MPC Theatre Arts Department. He received his Master's Degree from UCLA and made a living in the LA area as an actor before returning to Monterey to re-join

the Department. DeBono directed last season's *Art*. Most recently he has directed *Death of a Salesman*, *Plaza Suite*, *I Hate Hamlet*, *Chapter Two*, and *Our Town*. Additional directing credits include *Laughter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor*, *Broadway Bound*, *Front Page*, and *The Odd Couple* at MPC, and *I'm Not Rappaport* at the Western Stage in Salinas. *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS* marks his 150<sup>th</sup> directorial achievement. This is DeBono's first production since retirement earlier this year, as a full time instructor (35 years) and co-chairman of the MPC Theatre Arts department.

The creative team includes **Michael Jacobs & Peter DeBono** (Co-Director); **D. Thomas Beck** (Technical Director), **Eric Maximoff** (Scenic Designer), **Dennis Randolph** (Lighting Designer), **Gloria C. Mattos Hughes** (Costume Designer), and **Carey Crockett** (Scenic Artist).

### Performance Information

Thr., Oct. 13th – 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Oct. 14th - 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 15th - 7:30 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 16th – 2:00 p.m.

Thr., Oct. 20th - 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Oct. 21st - 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 22nd - 7:30 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 24rd - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** are priced from \$10 - \$20, with Young Adult (16-25), Active Military and Group discounts available. **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** is recommended for theatergoers 10 years and over. For tickets, visit [www.mpctheatre.com](http://www.mpctheatre.com), call the MPC Box Office at 831-646-4213, or visit the Box Office in person on the MPC Campus, Wednesday (3:00 – 7:00 PM), through Friday from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

All performances will take place at the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, 3600 Highway 1 at Ocean Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923

### About The MPC Theatre Company

The performing arts have always played an important part of life on the Monterey Peninsula, and for over 55 years the MPC Theatre Company has been entertaining, educating and enriching our community. In addition to making live Theatre a major part of our local culture, some of our past students have gone on to professional careers in theatre & television, and others have started their own amateur and professional theatre companies. MPC Outreach Programs also fund and support many local performing arts organizations, including High School Drama Departments (Carmel High School, Monterey High School, and Seaside High School), Children's Theatres, and Dance Companies, as well as Community and Professional Theatres, such as the Pacific Repertory Theatre, and the Forest Theatre Guild.

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