

Theatre Aurora gets the "Jitters" Friday

By Bruce Williamson

Theatre Aurora is going to get the "Jitters" this Friday with the opening of their latest production.

Jitters, written by David French and brought to Theatre Aurora by producer Mary Rival and Michael Clipperton, runs Friday, April 12 & Saturday April 27 at the Factory Theatre on Henderson Drive.

Mr. Clipperton is new to Theatre Aurora, but very familiar with the play.

"I love the comedic timing and the way it captures the mayhem that goes into putting on a production," said Mr. Clipperton. "It is a very relatable and funny peek into the world of theatre."

The show is a play within a play which attempts to answer the question of whether life imitates art or art imitates life.

Act One begins just hours before the first preview of "The Care and Treatment of Roses" by well-known playwright Robert Ross (Mark Rival). The production is directed by George Ellsworth (Brad Fuller), and stars "Canada's treasure" Jessica Logan (Barb Jones). Also featured are long-established actors Patrick Flanagan (Jeff Naworynski) and Phil Mastorakis (Cam Lund).

Making his professional debut is the young actor, Tom Kent (Keith Kupsch). Also in the company are Nick (Steve Wolfer), the Stage Manager, Peggy (Anna Pelc-Draper) who is George's assistant, and Susi (Ariana Leask), who works front-of-house.

As rehearsals proceed, nerves fray, tempers flare, and insults are flung. Finally, Opening Night arrives and things just seem to go from bad to worse.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling the Box Office at 905 727-3669, and online at www.theatreaurora.com.