

HSRT Prescribes a Hilarious World Premier

HOLLAND – The Hope Summer Repertory Theatre (HSRT) continues its 36th season with “The Hypochondriac,” opening June 22 in the DeWitt Theatre.

“The Hypochondriac” is a hilariously funny play about a demanding, old miser with numerous medical problems, a man that is so impossible, that even his daughter and maid often hide from him. To cover his vast medical bills, the father promises his already love struck daughter to an unknown wealthy young doctor whose father and uncle are also doctors.

Adapted from Jean Baptise Moliere’s 400 year old play, “The Imaginary Invalid,” William Moering presents a world premiere of “The Hypochondriac.” Moliere’s satire was set in 1870, and written to express his lack of confidence in doctors and to poke fun of people that depended on them so greatly.

William Moering is a former professional actor, spending his first season with HSRT this summer. In addition to “The Hypochondriac,” Moering has also written a play called “Trojan Pie,” produced in Hollywood, and “Joyful Partaking,” a film being broadcast in Europe on HBO.

Featuring Lucius Houghton, an Equity Guest Artist and one of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival’s founding members, as the hypochondriac, and Emily Kitchens as his daughter; this creatively adapted play will keep you on your toes.

“The Hypochondriac” continues this summer with shows at 8 p.m. on June 23, 27, 29; July 7, 10, 11, 12, and 18.

To purchase tickets, please stop by the ticket office at DeVos Fieldhouse located at 222 Fairbanks Ave. between Ninth and 11th streets. Hours are Monday-Friday: 10:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased from the ticket office located in the DeWitt Center, on the Hope College campus, at the corner of 12th Street and Columbia Avenue. Hours are Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 616-395-7890 and range in price from \$17 - \$26 for adults and \$8 for children. For more information please visit www.hope.edu/hsrt.

And while at the ticket office, make sure to check out HSRT's other productions such as "Godpell" opening on June 15, "She Loves Me" opening July 13, "Lost in Yonkers" opening July 20, and the till midnight cabaret "A Night of Cowboy Madness" opening July 6. The Children's Performance Troupe will also be presenting "Junie B. Jones" opening June 22 and "Go, Dog. Go!" opening July 18.