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Coronado Playhouse presents  
***Moliere's Tartuffe***  
19th Annual Free Classics Series  
made possible by a grant from the City of Coronado  
July 24-August 16, 2015

The Free Classics tradition continues at Coronado Playhouse, the Community's Theatre, with an offering of French playwright Moliere's classic comedy **July 24-August 16, 2015**. **Tartuffe** is a hilarious farce first banned in Paris in 1667 because of its cutting political and religious satire. Often subtitled, The Hypocrite, this French masterpiece centers on the title character who is an imposter invited into the home of a wealthy French family. Moliere intertwines a series of comical situations and unlikely events punctuated with betrayal, seduction and religious grandiosity.

The nobleman, Orgon, is deceived by **Tartuffe** who manipulates his host into believing he is a saintly devout man of religious faith. Blinded by the deception, Orgon sacrifices the well being of his wife and children in order to please his visitor. The sordid story reaches a climax with a disinherited son, a pending arranged marriage and the potential seduction of Orgon's wife. In the end, good triumphs over evil and harmony is restored to the chaotic household.

Coronado Playhouse is the Community's Theatre committed to using our public platform for quality entertainment and to help those in need. Throughout our season, we partner productions with established non-profit organizations to raise money and awareness. An annual grant from the City of Coronado allows us to present a classic play each year free to the public making theatre more accessible for educational purposes and pure enjoyment. We welcome donations

to help us meet our growing budget requirements and encourage supporters to purchase Coronado Playhouse memberships affording them benefits that include voting rights, free tickets, preferred seating and the opportunity to help us select our 2016 70th Anniversary season.

The production team includes Tom Haine (director), Chad Oakley (assistant director), Chris Powell (producer) and Patricia Lynch (text advisor).

The cast features Mark C. Petrich (Tartuffe), Steve Jensen (Orgon), JoDarlene Reardon (MME. Pernelle), Ray Lynch (Cleante), Kendra Truett (Elmire), Andrea Acuna (Marianne), Braulio Ramirez (Valere), Kyle Lord (Damis), Vani Neel (Dorine), Kellen Hoku Gold (Laurent), Samantha Schmidt (M.Loyal), Eric Hedberg (King's Officer), Patty Fay (Flipote)

**DATES: July 24-August 16, 2015**

**TIMES: Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.**

**TICKETS: Free to the public with reservations required through our website. A limit of 6 tickets for person. There is no reserved seating with the exception of season ticket holders who must make their reservations through the box office.**

Contact the Coronado Playhouse Box Office at **619-435-4856** or go to our website [www.coronadoplayhouse.com](http://www.coronadoplayhouse.com).

*Cast and production members are available for interviews and video opportunities. Still pictures of the production can also be provided. Please contact **M.G. Perez** for specific media interest and needs. Coronado Playhouse is a qualified 501(c) 3 non-profit organization as San Diego County's longest running community theatre.*