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Hinsdale native stars in fun, film noir murder mystery comedy at Pheasant Run Resort

By **NobleFoolTheatricals**



Peter DeFaria and Danon Dastugue play mysterious lovers in *Red Herring*. Photo by Trademan Photography

Hinsdale native Peter DeFaria can be seen in Noble Fool Theatricals' clever who-dunnit *Red Herring*, directed by John Gawlik, at the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage Theater (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; telephone 630-584-6342).

Although this is Peter's first time working with Noble Fool Theatricals, his other recent Chicago appearances include Joey in *A Steady Rain* at Chicago Dramatist and Friar Laurence in *Romeo & Juliet* at TUTA. He was also seen in the films *The Dark Knight*, *Public Enemies* and *The Last Rites of Joe May*.

DeFaria plays Andrei, the Russian sailor who must decide between the wife he no longer loves or the woman that has come between them. Meanwhile, two other love stories are taking place, along with a murder mystery!

Written by Michael Hollinger and winner of the 2000 Barrymore Award for Outstanding New Play, *Red Herring* combines three love stories, a murder mystery, and a nuclear espionage into one clever Cold War-era romantic comedy done in the style of film noir. The year is 1952: America's on the verge of the H-bomb, Dwight Eisenhower's on the campaign trail, and *I Love Lucy's* on Monday nights. Meanwhile, Senator Joe McCarthy's daughter just got engaged to a Soviet spy, and Cost detective Maggie Pelletier has to find out who dumped the dead guy in the Harbor – or else lost out on a honeymoon in Havana. The end result is a blunt-nosed, sharp-eyed look at love and tying (and untying, and retying) the knot.

The cast of *Red Herring* features (in alphabetical order): Naperville native Sean Bolger, Alex Hugh Brown, Danon Dastugue, Peter DeFaria, Elana Ernst and Rebekah Ward-Hays.

Red Herring opened on Thursday, September 2, 2010 and will run through Sunday, October 24, 2010. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Thursday performances are available on September 2 and 9 at 8 p.m.; September 16, 30 and October 7 at 2 p.m. *The show is rated PG-13 due to mature situations and language.* Tickets are priced at \$29 on Fridays (and additional Thursday performances), and at \$39 on Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner show packages are available at \$46 on Fridays and \$59 on Saturdays and Sundays. Group Rates, Student Discounts, and Overnight packages are also available.