

HARDCOVER theater

PRESS RELEASE

Johnny Bocca's Sex Farce for Swingin' Lovers

WHEN: May 8 - June 1, 2008
Thurs/Fri/Sat 8:00 p.m., Sun 3:00 p.m.
Pay-What-You-Can Night: Thurs, May 15 @ 8:00 p.m.
sign language/audio-described performance: Fri, May 30 @ 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Playwrights' Center, 2301 Franklin Ave. E., Minneapolis

TICKETS: \$20; \$17 students/seniors
for reservations, call 612.581.2229 or visit www.hardcovertheater.org

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Naples, New Jersey. 1959. Welcome to Johnny Bocca's Place, where barflies tell bawdy tales of guys and broads. In walks Lenora, a prim housewife with a broken-down Edsel and a mysterious tale of her own...

Johnny Bocca's Sex Farce for Swingin' Lovers takes some of the naughtiest stories from Boccaccio's *Decameron* – a medieval Italian work similar to Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* – and transplants them to America, 600 years later. The result is a hilarious new show loaded with sex, booze, and vintage lounge music.

JBSF4SL is Hardcover Theater's 25th show and yet another original script. It also marks a reunion for the cast of Hardcover's hit serial, *London After Midnight*. Not recommended for children.

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Director: Shanan Wexler

Concept: Steve Schroer

Writers: Shanan Wexler and Joshua English Scrimshaw

Stage Manager: Kate Elise

Cast: Emily Brooke Hansen, Arnie Roos, Amy Schweickhardt, Joshua English Scrimshaw, Tim Uren, Eric Webster, and Shanan Wexler

Scenery: John Adler

Lights: Julia Gordon

Costumes: Sara Wilcox

Choreography: Adrienne English Scrimshaw