

CITY CENTRE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS INC



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CITY CENTRE PRESENTS

SLY FOX by Larry Gelbart, Creator of M*A*S*H

Based on the classic play *VOLPONE* by Ben Jonson

Directed by Alex Bodnar * Produced by Jan Francies

April 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 & May 1 - 2004 - 8pm

Hot on the tails of the New York production of *Sly Fox*, City Centre brings Larry Gelbart's hilarious script to the Toronto stage .

Set in San Francisco in the late 1800's, *Sly Fox* tells the story of one Foxwell J. Sly, a dying (maybe) Southern gentleman (not really) worth a fortune (possibly). Over the course of one day, Sly and his indentured servant Simon Able attempt to seduce the prim and proper wife of one of his suitors, escape a shotgun marriage to the local hooker, avoid getting lynched, and generally con a bunch of corrupt local dignitaries. They parade before him, crying crocodile tears and giving him their personal treasures to 'raise his spirits'. This fake concern and temporary generosity is all in the hope that Sly will leave them the lion's share of his wealth in his will. Sly not only eats it up, he dishes it out, camping up his "deathbed dramatics" and squeezing every last shred of wealth and dignity from his "mourners". The play takes this to an absurd, but hilarious extreme before the jig is up and the protagonists squirm their way through their predicament.

This is City Centre's 6th production since the non-profit company's debut in 2001. The company was formed by a dedicated group of individuals who recognized that there was a clear lack of theatre companies within downtown Toronto offering real opportunities to actors, directors and artistic staff of all experience levels. City Centre is committed to providing an exceptional theatrical experience by maintaining high standards of play selection, creative and inventive directors, high caliber crew, and motivated actors ranging in age and experience. City Centre is fortunate to be able to provide their productions for the downtown audience at affordable prices.

For more company information, visit www.citycentretheatre.com.

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Tickets: \$20 (\$16 students/seniors)

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