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**The South Hampton Institute of Theatre players
bring *The Coarse Acting Show* to life at Theatre In The Park**

Raleigh, NC, July 1, 2014 – One of the funniest plays to hit Raleigh returns to Theatre In The Park this summer.

Direct from Roe-Upon-Toast, England, the South Hampton Institute of Theatre players present *The Coarse Acting Show* by Michael Green. Fans of theatre will greatly appreciate the players take on all things theatrical.

“The Coarse Acting Show remains one of my top favorite theatrical comedies,” says director Ira David Wood IV. “I first saw the show as a child in 1991. I had never heard an audience laugh so hard or so long, besides at the annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.”

The show's central theme revolves around a touring troupe of thespians from Roe-Upon-Toast, England, who have come to Raleigh to present “Four sterling examples of their specific brand of theatre.” Although these actors have their hearts in the right place, one thing goes wrong after the next, and the actors hilariously struggle to save the show.

The audience buckles up for a rollercoaster of a ride watching a play within a play, with laugh after laugh for this pitiful band of players. The hijinks include exploding lights, falling down sets, wounded actors, and a conductor forced to conduct an orchestra...which doesn't exist!

“When *The Coarse Acting Show* was first staged at Theatre In The Park in 1991, the News & Observer called it ‘The funniest show to hit Raleigh in years.’ I can say with a great degree of assurance, now that the show is returning once more (over 20 years later), it will be prove to be the case yet again,” proudly proclaims Wood.

The Coarse Acting Show opens July 11. Theatregoers are urged to make reservations well in advance of its opening night.

The Coarse Acting Show will be performed July 11-12; 17-19; 25-26 at 7:30pm and July 13; 20; 27 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$22 – Adult; \$16 – Seniors 60+/Students; \$15 – Groups of 10 or more and are available now through Theatre In The Park's box office 919-831-6058 or online at theatreinthepark.com.

About Theatre In The Park

Theatre In The Park, located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University, has been entertaining audiences since 1947. Theatre In The Park is one of North Carolina's largest non-profit performing arts organizations and is acclaimed for its numerous outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama.

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