

ArtsCenter opens new theater with 'The Foreigner'



Tom Marriott and Don Horstman in "The Foreigner"

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The New Theater Company of ArtsCenter will present Larry Shue's hilarious comedy, "The Foreigner" on July 15-18 and 22-25 at 8 p.m.

"The Foreigner" is the first of two plays in The New Theater Company's mini-season of summer theater and the first play in the new Earl Wynn theater at ArtsCenter's new facility.

"We are excited because this is the first production at the new theater," ArtsCenter Communications Coordinator Bett Wilson said. The theater will not be finished; the play will be presented on the stage with the lighting equipment from the previous Carr Mill Mall center, she said.

According to Wilson, the committee that chose "The Foreigner" for the summer theater made a very good selection because of the play's timeliness. "The Foreigner" takes place at a fishing lodge resort in Georgia, where an odd mix of characters confront each other and the KKK. The play presents a look at a corrupt spiritual leader and at the KKK, two very contemporary news items.

Directed by Linda Wright of Durham, the cast features professional, paid actors who live in the Triangle area. Production staff

includes Chris Carter and Milly Dudhoff, both of Carrboro, as scenic designer and costumer, respectively.

Tom Marriott of Pittsboro leads the cast as Charlie, an Englishman too shy to speak. His friend Froggy (Don Horstman of Durham) tries to help by present-

ing Charlie as "Cha-Oo-Lee" who knows no English. At Betty Meeks' resort, these two encounter the engaging Rev. David Marshall Lee (Mark J. Miller of Chapel Hill). David's spirited fiancé (Britt Bergsten of Chapel Hill), her

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