

Seven guys get 'dangerous'

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straight and weren't comfortable with this type of play."

Two straight actors were eventually cast, playing the two young lovers in the tale.

"There's still a taboo of 'Oh, I'm straight. I don't want to do a gay play,'" Griffin said, letting his pride show for the two straight actors who've said they're committed to playing the roles.

The production isn't for the faint of heart. Wedolowski and Griffin expect the show to be a hit, but certainly not one that'll keep their company afloat. They've relied on more subdued productions to see

them through the current economic mess and allow them to present challenging and rare works like "Dangerous."

"There was a moment in October that we were really depressed, to the point of 'Like, what are we going to do?'" Wedolowski said. "The election, the economic crisis, the gas crisis — everything together — since then we have been optimistic and it is growing. A lot of people have begun to see theater again as a way to get out of their problems, to get out of their houses."

"Dangerous" will be presented at

Duke Energy Theatre, 345 N. College St., Charlotte, from April 2 through April 18. For more information and for tickets, visit www.queencitytheatre.com or call 704-372-1000. ▶

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