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1 Actors Theatre Playhouse presents Harold Pinter's
2 groundbreaking play 'The Caretaker,' beginning July 10

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5 Actors Theatre Playhouse (ATP), 21 Main St., will bring
6 Harold Pinter's play *The Caretaker* to local audiences for three
7 weekends in July: Evening performances Fridays and Saturdays,
8 July 10, 11, 17, 18, and Thursday through Saturday, July 23–25
9 begin at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances Sundays, July 12 and
10 19, begin at 2 p.m.

11 *The Caretaker* explores the delicate balance between
12 comedy and psychological tension, said organizers in a news
13 release. The play premiered in 1960 “and quickly established
14 itself as a landmark work of 20th-century drama, cementing
15 Pinter’s reputation as a master of the ‘comedy of menace.’” The
16 play’s initial success was followed by a 1963 film, also know as
17 *The Guest*, and it has since been translated into numerous
18 languages and performed worldwide.

19 The work is celebrated for its innovative use of subtext,
20 ambiguous dialogue, and the “Pinter pause” — a technique that
21 “creates an atmosphere of simmering tension and psychological
22 realism that challenges and captivates audiences more than six
23 decades after its debut,” said organizers.

24 Aston, a quiet young man, invites Davies, an elderly
25 drifter, into his ramshackle London flat. When Aston’s brother
26 Mick arrives, he begins to question the old man’s intentions,
27 resulting in knife threats, interior decorating schemes, and a
28 broken Buddha.

29 ATP’s production features Geof Dolman as Davies, Leo
30 Mousseau as Aston, and James Gelter as Mick. The production is
31 directed by Gelter, with stage management by Brenda Seitz and
32 props by Emmadora Boutcher.

33 Actors Theatre Playhouse has limited seating, so
34 reservations are highly recommended. Visit atplayhouse.org to
35 purchase tickets; contact actorstheatre25@gmail.com, 877-666-
36 1855, for more information. All seats are \$17.

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