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P.S. Your Cat Is Dead

P.S. Your Cat Is Dead is a new comedy opening at the Brass Rail in early December. It is the story of Jimmy Zoole, part-time actor, aspiring writer, and all around loser. It is a play about anger, frustration, despair, and the marvelous human ability to overcome them all.

P.S. Your Cat Is Dead is being produced by the Cascade Balzac Company, whose previous credits include *The Public Eye*, *Sex on the Second Floor*, and *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*. "All of our previous shows have been pretty light comedy," says director and producer John Duncan. "My partner and I wanted to find something for the holidays that was funny in a different way, that didn't just make your shoulders shake with laughter, but made your whole sense of reality shake. *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead* does that. We all know what it feels like to think we're losers, to despair about what possible good our lives could be. Author James Kirkwood's play goes inside of that feeling and shows us how wonderful life can be if we just give ourselves a chance. It's a fun play to work with. It's also a delight to be able to work with Dan Bruno, one of the best actors I know."

Dan Bruno plays the part of Vito, the burglar. "This guy is a tough street survivor," says Dan, "but inside he's sensitive and strong enough to try to change his life."

Don Scorby plays the role of Jimmy Zoole and co-produces for Cascade Balzac Co. "The part of Jimmy is the most complex I've ever had," he says. "The hardest part of it all is that I keep finding new parts of myself in Jimmy, as I think the audience will. They aren't all pleasant qualities, but they sure are human."

P.S. Your Cat Is Dead opened Nov. 30, and runs Dec. 1, 2, 3, 7-10 and January 4-7 and 11-14. Curtain time is 9:00. Patrons are warned that this play contains some profanity and partial nudity. For advance tickets, call the Brass Rail, 342-2298. Ticket price is \$4.



Don Scorby and Dan Bruno in *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*, at the Brass Rail.

Cat On a Hot Tin Roof

The University Theatre's production of Tennessee Williams' *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof* opens Dec. 1, and will also run Dec. 2-3 and 8-10 at the Robinson Theatre on campus. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

One of Williams' best known works, *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof* takes place on a sultry Mississippi Delta plantation and centers around one of the most volatile families in modern theatre: Big Daddy Pollitt (Joel Morello), Big Mama (Jody McCoy), their eldest son, Cooper, and his wife, Mae (Mikel MacDonald and Tina Richey), and favorite but very troubled son, Brick (Eric Johnson), and his wife, Maggie, The Cat (Enid Clark). This is a wealthy, powerful clan, but it is a family divided, and smoldering with unfulfilled passions. Their bonds

of love are strong, but greed, guilt, jealousy, and misunderstanding threaten to tear them apart.

Director Robert Barton is extremely excited about this production because "Williams is perhaps our greatest dramatist and this will be the first local production of a Williams play since his untimely death in February, 1983. Thematically, this play serves as a fitting epitaph for Williams dealing as it does with what it means to be alive." The set is designed by Jerry Williams, with costumes by Laura Webster and lighting designed by Jerry Reinhardt.

Tickets are \$5 for the general public, \$4 for seniors and students, and \$3.25 for University of Oregon students. For ticket reservations and information, call the University Theatre Box Office at 686-4191.

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