

On Stage

Mismatched marriages and dysfunctional divorces in *Gun-Shy*

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Director Cliff Baker calls *Gun-Shy*

“a delicious, irreverent romp...honest and flawed...a balloon-a-gram that threatens to pop at every turn.” Relationships

cannot get more dysfunctional – or funny – than those enjoyed by Richard Dresser’s wacky characters. On the West Coast, Evie

(Babs George), Duncan’s manic, self-actualizing ex-wife, is forcing Carter (Peter Lohnes), a cuckolded Portland-based coffee magnate, into the responsibilities of fatherhood by in-vitro fertilization; while on the East Coast, Duncan (Don Alder) struggles to stick with his 12-step program and get Caitlin (Sarah Gunnell), his anorexic, 20-something girlfriend, to commit. When Evie and Duncan hatch a plan to save their only son from becoming a prep school j.d., all hilarity breaks loose. Steve Wilkerson plays the hapless people who collide with the actions and

values of these cock-eyed couples. *Gun-Shy*, Richard Dresser’s sardonic comedy about relationships in the ‘90s, opens at PORTLAND CENTER STAGE from Friday, March 31 and runs through Saturday, April 22. PORTLAND CENTER STAGE performances take place in the graceful Newmark Theater at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 SW Broadway at Main. Tickets range from \$10-\$39; box office: 503/274-6588; group sales: 503/274-6598. General information: 503/248-6309 or www.pcs.org.



Relive the '90s marital crises of middle-aged baby boomers in Richard Dresser's *Gun-Shy*. Cast members from left to right include Don Alder/Duncan; Sarah Gunnell/Caitlin; Babs George/Evie; Peter Lohnes/Carter.

Ray Charles to perform at Spirit Mountain Casino

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Legend Ray Charles performs at Spirit Mountain Casino Tuesday, May 30 at 7 pm.

For almost six decades, Charles has entertained the world with his musical talents. He's reached audiences of many genres, including, but not limited to Country, Rock, Jazz and R&B.

With over 50 years of experience in show business, Charles had accumulated numerous awards. His accomplishments include 15 Grammy Awards, the "Helen Keller Personal Achievement Award" in 1994, a "Life Time Achievement Award," and three honorary doctoral degrees. Charles has also been inducted into various halls of fame. He was one of the original inductees into "The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame" in 1986. His most recent induction in 1997 was to the "International Jazz Hall of Fame." Charles has made television appearances on "St.

Elsewhere" and "Who's the Boss?" Several profile specials on Charles have been made, including ABC-TV's "20-20," which was awarded two Emmys for the special that aired in 1981.

But, his most noted television appearances come from Pepsi Co.'s 1991 campaign for Diet Pepsi, "You Got The Right One Baby, Uh-Huh!" starring Charles.

Tickets to the show at Spirit Mountain Casino are \$25 and \$35, and can be purchased in person at Spirit Mountain Casino, any Fred Meyer Fastix outlet or by calling 800/99-TIXX starting at 8 am. on Wednesday, March 8.

Spirit Mountain Casino is located in Grand Ronde, approximately 60 miles southwest of Portland on Highway 18.

For more information, please call 800/760-7977, ext. 3954.



MARCH EVENTS

JON KOONCE & THE GAS HOGS
Thursday, March 9, at 7pm

THE STEVE BRADLEY GROUP
Thursday, March 16, at 7pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
Friday, March 17, 4pm to 11pm
Irish Bands · Irish Dancers · Irish Coffee
Leprechauns · Storytelling · Family Fun

CRAIG CAROTHERS
SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND
Sunday, March 19, Doors at 7pm, Show at 7:30pm
Admission \$7

I & I
"Reggae Inna Afrikan Stylee"
Thursday, March 23, at 7pm

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2000
STEVE BRADLEY GROUP
WITH JON KOONCE
VS
THE X ANGELS
Thursday, March 30 at 7pm

All ages welcome · No cover charge unless noted



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