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Making manners fun again



The New Blue Parrot Theatre's "The Importance of Being Earnest," a comedy of manners in three acts, opens Thursday at the Washburn Performing Arts Center. The cast features: Annaliese D. Gove as Gwendolyn Fairfax, Kenichi Hillis as John Worthing, Jesse Graff as Algernon Montcrieff and Becca Irving as Cecily Cardew (left to right). The show runs Thursdays through Sundays, until Jan. 22.

The New Blue Parrot Theatre's rendition of "The Importance of Being Earnest" pokes fun at social decorum

By **Clarice Keating**
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A stuffy parlor piece about turn-of-the-century England it's not.

Despite the focus on etiquette of the social elite, Oscar Wilde's famous work "The Importance of Being Earnest" is part mistaken identity and part intellectual farce.

And an upcoming adaptation of the famous Irish playwright's work by the New Blue Parrot Theatre takes the comedy of manners even further with a catfight scene and a cross-dresser.

"It takes this emphatic social decorum and explodes it out, sends it up and blows apart the whole thing," said director Patrick Spike.

The show opens Thursday, at the Washburn Performing Arts Center in Washougal.

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