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EL PASEO ARTS FOUNDATION TO PRESENT ITS SHOWCASE PRODUCTION

The City of South Padre Island Convention Centre to host El Paseo Arts Foundation's final showcase production "Boeing! Boeing!"

South Padre Island, TX – March 30th, 2015:

Buckle your seat belts for a turbulent flight of hysterical laughter with El Paseo Arts Foundation's Production of Boeing! Boeing!

"It's deliciously, deliriously innocent. Pure pleasure!"
- The New York Times

Fasten your seat belt for a non-stop ride as El Paseo Arts Foundation presents its final showcase production, the French farce Boeing! Boeing! on April 1st and 2nd at the South Padre Island Convention Center. The show was the winner of the 2008 Tony for Best Revival of a Play, a smash hit in London and one of the most produced French plays in the world. It's a show that will take actors and audiences alike up, up and away as El Paseo wraps up an incredible 10th season of arts events!



It's the swinging 60's and Bernard, a successful architect living in Paris, juggles three fiancées – an American, an Italian and a German – each a beautiful airline hostess with frequent layovers in Paris. Following a carefully timed schedule based on airline itineraries, and with the help of his disapproving housekeeper, Bernard keeps one up, one down, and one pending, and each woman unaware of the others' existence. However, Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his naïve, hometown friend Robert comes to stay, and a faster new jet coupled with some unexpected bad weather cause schedule changes that throw off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously; timid Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom; and catastrophe looms. All this combines to create an evening of hilarious turbulence that is deliciously and deliriously innocent in its quaint "swinging sixties" style.

There are six fabulous parts in the play. Bernard, played by Isaac Fischer of Port Isabel is the American businessman trying to live the life of a hipster lothario in Paris. He is engaged



to Gloria the take-charge, Kinsey report quoting, health-obsessed American, played by Andrea Wright of South Padre Island. He is also engaged to Gabriella, the sentimental, jealous, lusty Italian, played by Cathy Ramos of Laguna Vista. And as Bernard has determined that three is the ideal number of fiancées for his international harem, he is also engaged to Gretchen, the dominating but sensitive and passionate German played by Brenda Bailey of South Padre Island. For Bernard, it's all a matter of organization and planning – mathematical symmetry governed by the infallible airline schedules. No problem; no panic. Berthe, played by DeeOnda Ahadi of Port Isabel, is Bernard's French, existentialist maid who loves nothing more than to complain even as she superbly manages Bernard's "complications", constantly changing photographs and menus. Robert, played by Dave Boughter of South Padre Island, is Bernard's old college buddy - clumsy, unworldly and as green as a Wisconsin apple.

JoAnn Evans of South Padre Island, assisted by two talented performers, Laguna Vista resident Billie Reilly and South Padre Island resident Stephanie Wilson, directs the show.

All the roles are all challenging for the actors in this high flying farce, and like all farces, the fabulous set has a lot of doors – seven of them – and they swing open and closed rapidly as Bernard and Robert try to keep the three fiancées apart and unaware of the other women's presence in the apartment. Predictably that means that the show moves at a break-neck pace and involves lots of physical comedy.

The evening's entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The show takes flight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for Boeing! Boeing! Are \$25 per person, \$20 for members of El Paseo Arts Foundation. Tickets are available for purchase at Paragraphs Book Store, The Art Gallery in Lighthouse Square, and online at www.elpaseoarts.org or <https://facebook.com/ElPaseoArtsTX>

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