

BWW Review: THE HOT LIST! What's Hot on Stage Now

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So many productions are happening all over the city. Here's what made the "**Hot List**" - BUGABOO & THE SILENT ONE at The Lounge Theatre, THE HOTHOUSE at Antaeus, CABARET at La Mirada Theatre, SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE at South Coast Repertory, PIRATES OF PENZANCE at Pasadena Playhouse , and Disney's ALADDIN at the Hollywood Pantages Theatre! Reviews by BWW Sr. Editor Ellen Dostal (LADCC) Go see a show!



Peter Van Norden and Rob Nagle in The Hothouse.
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THE HOTHOUSE - *Antaeus Theatre Company, through March 11*

The Hothouse may be one of Harold Pinter (/people/Harold-Pinter/)’s lesser-known plays but it still comes packed with the playwright’s signature wit and punch. Here, he examines the rampant abuse of power at an institution rife with moral ambiguity, through a Theatre of the Absurd lens. The dialogue-heavy language play exposes the complicated inner workings of human thought, which is often as poignant as it is ridiculous. All Antaeus productions are partner cast so check the website for dates if you want to see a specific group of actors. At this performance, "The Ducks" cast included Peter Van Norden, Graham Hamilton, JD Cullum, Rob Nagle, Paul Eiding, John Apicella , and Jocelyn Towne, a particularly seasoned ensemble that delivered the play’s message with chilling intensity. I found it riveting...and ultimately horrifying. Tickets: Antaeus.org