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"The Troubies Strike Gold Again in Two Gentlemen of Chicago"

GO TWO GENTLEMEN OF CHICAGO



Chelsea Sutton

The latest Shakespearean modern-music mash-up from the Troubies is yet another hit for the cheeky troupe of triple-threat performers. Proteus (Matt Walker, who also directs) and Valentine (Rob Nagle) are best friends, but the game of love threatens their bond. Julia (Christine Lakin, who also choreographs) thinks Proteus is her one-and-only, but Proteus soon develops feelings for Valentine's

beloved, Silvia (Monica Schneider). As the Bard's comic formula dictates, all ends in happiness after silly skirmishes and backstabbing bouts. Chicago's dreamiest ballads, including "If You Leave Me Now" and "You're the Inspiration," keep the romance factor high, and the sometimes syrupy lyrics are perfect material for the company's sarcastic sensibility. Falcon Theatre, 4252 Riverside Drive, Burbank; Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m. (added perfs Sat., April 7 & 14, 4 p.m.); through April 22. (818) 955-8101, falcontheatre.com. (Amy Lyons)