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## **Villanova Theatre Announces 2007-2008 Season** **49<sup>th</sup> Season includes *Beyond Therapy*, *Mother Courage*, *Baby*, and *The Illusion***

Villanova Theatre is proud to announce an exciting, diverse 2007-2008 Season. Now in its 49<sup>th</sup> year, the Theatre will present a riotous contemporary comedy, a powerful modern drama, a touching, exuberant musical, and an artfully reimagined French classic. The season continues Villanova's rich tradition of presenting stirring plays for both the University community and theatre lovers throughout the Greater Philadelphia area.

### **BEYOND THERAPY**

*October 2 – 14, 2007*  
*Written by Christopher Durang*  
*Directed by Dina Amin*

Two singles seek love and find sanity (sort of) in this madcap comedy by America's funniest playwright. Prudence's therapist swears a lot and calls her nasty names; Bruce's shrink encourages barking as a form of self-expression. When a personal ad brings them together, the hapless couple must come to their senses and overcome their zany therapists' "help" to find romance in a whacked-out world.

### **MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN**

*November 13 – 18 & November 27 – December 2, 2007*  
*Written by Bertolt Brecht*  
*Directed by Shawn Kairschner*  
*Featuring Joanna Rotté*

In Brecht's epic masterpiece, a war rages on while the world-wise Mother Courage seeks her fortune selling goods to the soldiers. But the war exacts a price, and soon Mother Courage faces the loss of her life, her livelihood, and her most prized possessions of all – her children. Written in 1941, *Mother Courage* remains deeply moving and powerfully relevant.

**BABY**

*February 12 – March 2, 2008*

*Music by David Shire*

*Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr.*

*Book by Sybille Pearson*

*Directed by Peter Reynolds*

Arlene and Alan are in their 40s when an unexpected pregnancy upends their newly empty nest. Danny and Liz are college students who never dreamed they'd be parents so soon. Pam and Nick, in their 30s and hopelessly in love, get a lot of “practice” as they try for the same luck. A buoyant musical about three couples and their rollercoaster rides through the nine longest months in any family's life.

**THE ILLUSION**

*April 15 – 27, 2008*

*Written by Pierre Corneille*

*Freely adapted by Tony Kushner*

*Directed by Harriet Power*

When a desperate lawyer consults a magician to discover the whereabouts of his estranged son, the sorcerer obliges – but the vivid scenes he conjures are baffling. Reality seems fluid, time is capricious, and facts are impossible to pin down. Blurring the boundary between truth and illusion, this witty adaptation of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century classic is a moving testament to the bonds of love and the transformative power of the theatre.

*\*All plays, dates and prices are subject to change.*

All performances will be held in the 180-seat theatre in Vasey Hall, located at Ithan & Lancaster Avenues on the Villanova University campus. Show times are 8:00pm Tuesday – Saturday and 2:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Discounted four-show subscription packages priced \$64 – \$80 are now available and may be ordered by calling the Villanova Theatre Box Office at (610) 519-7474. For more information, visit [www.theatre.villanova.edu](http://www.theatre.villanova.edu).

The Villanova University Theatre Department offers both a Master of Arts in theatre degree and a Graduate Certificate in Practical Theatre. Students enrolled in the theatre program undergo a

course of study that combines both scholarly and practical approaches to theatre. Guided by award-winning faculty and staff who are actively involved in the region's professional theatre industry, students gain knowledge and experience through hands-on production work and in-depth academic study in the areas of dramaturgy, script analysis, dramatic literature, playwriting, acting, and directing. The program's annual four-show season, directed by faculty and featuring students, boasts productions that are on par with the area's professional theatres. Since 1995, Villanova's productions have been honored with 48 nominations and six Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

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