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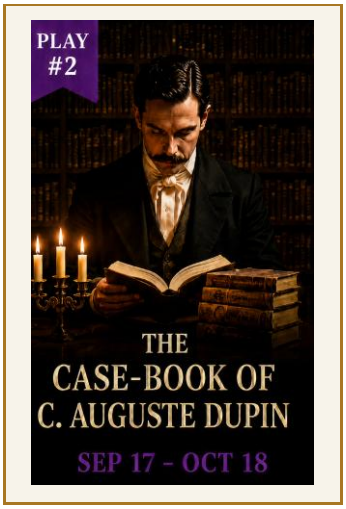

WORLD PREMIERE | SEPT. 17-OCT. 18

Theatre 40 Presents *The Case-Book of C. Auguste Dupin*

John Strysik brings Edgar Allan Poe's pioneering detective to the stage in a new mystery.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. - Theatre 40 will present the world premiere of *The Case-Book of C. Auguste Dupin* from Thursday, Sept. 17, through Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, in the Mary Levin Cutler Theatre on the campus of Beverly Hills High School.

Adapted and directed by John Strysik from the stories of Edgar Allan Poe and produced for Theatre 40 by David Hunt Stafford, *The Case-Book of C. Auguste Dupin* brings Poe's groundbreaking detective to life onstage.

With his creation of C. Auguste Dupin, Poe forever changed crime fiction. Dupin was the first modern detective and became the archetype for literary sleuths Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot, solving seemingly unsolvable crimes through logic and astonishing deduction.

The play unites Poe's three spellbinding Dupin mysteries - *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*, *The Mystery of Marie Roget* and *The Purloined Letter* - for an engrossing evening of murder, mayhem and meerschaum pipes.

> *"Before there was Sherlock Holmes, before there was Hercule Poirot, there was C. Auguste Dupin."*

CAST

The cast includes Todd Andrew Ball, Randall Craig, Patrick Grant, Michael Mullen and Caroline Quigley.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: The Case-Book of C. Auguste Dupin, a world premiere engagement of a new play
WHO: Adapted and directed by John Strysik; based on the stories of Edgar Allan Poe; produced for Theatre 40 by David Hunt Stafford
WHEN: Sept. 17-Oct. 18, 2026; Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.
WHERE: Theatre 40's Mary Levin Cutler Theatre, 241 S. Moreno Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; on the campus of Beverly Hills High School
PARKING: Ample free underground parking is available via the driveway at the intersection of Durant and Moreno drives
ADMISSION: $35
RESERVATIONS: (310) 364-0535
ONLINE TICKETING: theatre40.org

ABOUT JOHN STRYSIK

John Strysik is the playwright, adaptor and director. His film and television work includes the screenplay for the award-winning film *Stuck*, directed by Stuart Gordon and starring Mena Suvari and Stephen Rea. He served as a director and writer on the television series *Tales from the Darkside* and *Monsters*, and directed the ABC reboot of *Land of the Lost*.

Strysik also co-authored *Lurker in the Lobby: A Guide to the Cinema of H.P. Lovecraft*. His previous plays include *Power & Light*, *Villainy*, *Death with Benefits* and *The Tragicall Historie of Doctor Dee*.

ABOUT THEATRE 40

Theatre 40 is Beverly Hills' nonprofit professional theatre company, located on the campus of Beverly Hills High School.

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