

Miles Gloriosus (T.J. Hogle) is beside himself in grief, at the expense of Pseudolus (Brian Trampler), as he stands over the body of the “woman” he thinks is his dead virgin bride, who is actually slave Hysterium (Vern Moody) in a scene from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, opening Friday at the Armory.

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## ‘Funny’ entertainment at Armory

*A Funny Thing* is happening at the Armory Performing Arts Center this weekend (June 16-17, and next, June 23-24) as Platte Valley Players, the Armory’s resident amateur theater troupe presents *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Even someone who has seen the play and the movie (both a few years ago), the humor and wordplay is fresh, smart, silly and sometimes bawdy and worth the cost of admission.

Combine that with some of the region’s best musical theater voices (among them Wes Munsil and T.J. Hogle, both alumni of previous PVP productions at the Armory), solid accompanying music by local musicians – most, if not all, from the

BrighthornMusic Orchestra and Bright’n’Jazz – and you have a fully entertaining two hours.

Directed and choreographed by Kelly Van Oosbree with music direction by Bonnie Simcox, *Forum* is faithful to the music and lyrics of Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart (the latter who wrote the movie, *Tootsie*, and the *M\*A\*S\*H* TV series). The slapstick farce is regarded by many as a high point in the history of Broadway musical comedy.

Returning to PVP are Munsil as Senex; Sara Metz as Philia; Brandon

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## Gas gauge

**\$2.13.9** Lowest unleaded price as of 9 p.m. Wednesday:

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## Three Days

### Today

**10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. – Just Breathe**, Anythink Brighton; Learn how the lungs work and a variety of breathing techniques that can help you keep calm. RSVP

**12:15-12:50 p.m. – Yoga**, Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130; \$6; certified instructor. Bring your mat.

**3-4:30 p.m. – The Studio: Action Lab**, Anythink Brighton; Get hands on in The Studio.

**7:30-9 p.m. – Kids Bicycle Rodeo**, Benedict Park (parking at 1750 Skeel St.); for kids 4-12; learn bicycle skills – before the *E.T.* Movie in the Park; sponsored by Bike Brighton and the Brighton Police Department.

**Dusk – Flix and Kicks movie, E.T. The Extra Terrestrial** (PG), Benedict Park, 1855 Southern St.; Bike-in Movie Night with Flix & Kicks; sponsors: Cultural Arts Commission, Scientific Cultural Facilities District, city of Brighton

### Friday

**9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce**, Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers. Ages birth-23 months. RSVP.

**10 a.m. – Immersion in Nature adults-only walk**, Barr Lake State Park; a destressing walk in the park based on the Japanese practice Shinrin-Yoku with a wide range of healthful and healing benefits of “forest bathing;” about 2 hours with no destination or purpose other than to be in nature. Meet at the Nature Center. Leave your cell phone, even binoculars in the car.

**7:30 p.m. – A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, Platte Valley Players presents in the Armory, 300 Strong St.; this hilarious, slapstick farce is regarded by many as a high point in the history of Broadway musical comedy. Tickets: Adult \$15 online/\$17 at door; Children 12 and under/Senior Citizens \$13 online/\$15 at door; online at [www.plattevalleyplayers.org](http://www.plattevalleyplayers.org).

**7-8 p.m. – Friday Night Campfire Tales**, Barr Lake; enjoy a story and roast marshmallows around the campfire with a park ranger, followed by kids’ craft in the Nature Center; RSVP.

### Saturday

**10 a.m.-noon – Eagle Express**, Barr Lake State Park; reserve your spot aboard the Express to view the bald eagle nest; seats are limited, RSVP to Nature Center, \$7 park entry per car.

**1-3 p.m. – Mommy Mingle**, Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room C; Connect with other moms and newborns 2- to 12-weeks-old; led by lactation specialists and other medical professionals; learn what’s normal and expected after delivery and raising a baby; free. Sign up at [pvmc.org/events](http://pvmc.org/events) or 303-498-1481.

**2 AND 7:30 p.m. – A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, Platte Valley Players presents in the Armory, 300 Strong St.; this hilarious, slapstick farce is regarded by many as a high point in the history of Broadway musical comedy. Tickets: Adult \$15 online/\$17 at door; Children 12 and under/Senior Citizens \$13 online/\$15 at door; online at [www.plattevalleyplayers.org](http://www.plattevalleyplayers.org).

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## Funeral notices

**Virginia M. "Ginni" Kolb**, 66, of Brighton, died June 11. She was born in Billings, Mont., to Clarence and Ethel Kolb. She graduated from Hysham High School. She moved to Denver in 1968, married in 1970, her daughters Michelle and Nicole were born of that marriage. Ginni worked for Frontier Airlines, until she was employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company in 1990. In 1994, she went to work for the US Federal Courts for the Tenth Circuit as a financial and budget officer. Survivors include her daughters Michelle Singley of Sterlington, La., Nicole (Leroy) Peterson of Brighton; and four grandchildren. Memorial service celebrating Ginni's life, 10 a.m. **June 21** at Flatirons Community Church, 355 W. South Boulder Road, Lafayette. Graveside service will be held **Aug. 11** in Hysham, Mont. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Mooney Schell**, 97, of Denver, died June 10. He was preceded in death by his wife Leona (Brown) Schell and twin sons Donald and Ronald Schell. Survivors include his son, Ken Schell, daughter Carolyn (Jeff) Bollig, three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; and his sister Margaret Bathauer. Mooney was born in Las Animas. In his early years he farmed in Brighton. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He took up boxing and was a Golden Gloves trainer and champion. He retired from John Deere in 1982 after 35 years

of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Parish.

**Julie M. Lucio**, 51, of Brighton, died June 10. Visitation, 6 p.m., **Monday**, followed by rosary at 7 p.m., both at Tabor-Rice. Mass of Christian burial, 11 a.m. **Tuesday** at St. William Catholic Church, Fort Lupton.

**Paul Philip Olvera**, 71, of Westminster, died June 8. Survivors include his children Paul Jr., Michael (Cindy), Tanya (Brad), Megan (Michael), and Jerimie (Ashley); and 10 grandchildren and one on the way. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Paul lived a full life celebrating all his children and grandchildren's accomplishments. Visitation, 10 a.m. **Friday**, followed by funeral at 11 a.m., both at The Healing Place Church, Brighton.

**Wilma M. Ryan**, 85, of Brighton, died June 9. Graveside service, 1 p.m. **Thursday** at Elmwood Cemetery. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Burle M. DeBord**, 95, of Brighton, died June 8. Memorial service, 1 p.m. **Friday**, Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

**Norma "Jean" Halbritter**, 78, of Brighton, died May 14. Memorial service, 10 a.m. **Saturday** at Grace Baptist Church, Parker. **Full obit Tabor-Rice**

### Forum – from Page 1

Phelps as Marcus Lycus; Hogle as Miles Gloriosus; Bri Tracy as Tintintabula; Jasmine Jones as Vibrata; and Shandra Duncan as Gymnasia.

Cast members making their PVP debut include Brian Trampler (Aurora Fox's *Little Women*) as Pseudolus; Vern Moody (Performance Now's *Man of La Mancha*) as Hysterium; Mark Snyder Jr. (Theatre Harrisburg's *A Dangerous Year*) as Hero; Liz Larsen (Performance Now's *Hello Dolly*) as Domina; Max Maxwell (Performance Now's *Man of La Mancha*) as Erronius; Kristine Bachica (American Spirit Dance Company) as Panacea; Kaitlin Weinstein (UNC's *West Side Story*) and Kelsey Weinstein (Ignite's *The Wild Party*) as The Geminae.

Dan Lawless (Prairie Playhouse's *Shrek*), Joey Taczak (*Opera Colorado*) and Trevor Wood (Performance Now's *Hello Dolly*) join the cast as The Proteans.

You can expect the singing, dancing, slapstick, mistaken identities, deception and silliness – and a happy ending to clear up all the confusion – that make *Forum*'s funniness stand the test of time, and Hogle excels in his role as a powerful Roman warrior (with a great baritone voice and all the proper posing of the heroic anti-hero).

Shows are Friday AND June 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and June 24 at 2

and 7:30 p.m. at the Armory, 300 Strong St.

Tickets are \$15 online/\$17 at door for adults; \$13 online/\$15 at door for children 12 and under and senior citizens. Advance tickets may be purchased online at [www.plattevalleyplayers.org](http://www.plattevalleyplayers.org). For additional information, email [pvptheatre@gmail.com](mailto:pvptheatre@gmail.com).

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