

THE 99-SEAT BEAT

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'4Play' at Actors Company

The essentials: The itinerant theater company Trip has been performing its sitcom-style relationship comedy for years in various small theaters, first in New York, then Chicago. Now that it has relocated to L.A., we get to find out what the buzz is about.

Why this? The intersecting love affairs of various couples, gay and straight, offer relatable and timely quandaries along with fourth-wall breaking to distract audiences from their own romantic problems. (The show opens on Valentine's Day.) Time Out praised the Chicago run for "endearing characters" and "credible chemistry."

Details: Trip @ The Actors Company, 916-A N. Formosa Ave., L.A. Opens 8 p.m. Wednesday; performances 8 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays; ends March 17. (800) 838-3006, www.tripnyc.org