

**THE 99-SEAT BEAT**

---

BY DARYL H. MILLER

---

**'The Hothouse'**  
by Antaeus

**The essentials:** Trouble is brewing at a sanitarium where one resident is dead and another has unexpectedly given birth. The guy in charge is named Roote. Might he be the root cause?

**Why this?** Institutional dysfunction. Unchecked power. These issues and more roil a darkly comic play that the late Harold Pinter wrote in 1958 but shelved until 1980. Actors are paired to alternate in roles, as is typical at Antaeus. The cast includes such local favorites as Peter Van Norden, JD Cullum, Leo Marks and Gregory Itzin, directed by Nike Doukas.

**Details:** Antaeus Theatre Company at the Kiki & David Gindler Performing Arts Center, 110 E. Broadway, Glendale. 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays; ends March 11. \$30 and \$34. (818) 506-1983, *www.antaeus.org*