

## Hollywood history in 'Orry'

**The essentials:** The Australian-born Hollywood costume designer Orry-Kelly won three Oscars and created the most glorious gowns of golden age movies. His memoir, "Women I've Undressed," ended up inside a pillowcase in a laundry room in suburban Sydney, where it was discovered 51 years later. Actor, producer and now writer Nick Hardcastle has spun its delicious revelations into "Orry," directed by Wayne Harrison, former artistic director of the Sydney Theatre Company.

**Why this?** A better question might be "Why not

this?" If humor is tragedy plus time, then history could be described as tawdry gossip plus time. "No, thank you, I'm not interested in a cheeky Australian's 1930s dressing-room tales about Bette Davis and Marilyn Monroe and romantic adventures with Cary Grant," said no one ever.

**Details:** Lee Strasberg Theatre, Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute, 7936 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood. Opens Saturday. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, 8 p.m. Mondays, through Nov. 11. (See website for additional performances.) \$35. (855) 326-9945 or *GentlemanGeorge.com*.