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# ***The Foreigner*** ***to open February 26***

***(February 10, 2010):*** The Covina Center for the Performing Arts proudly presents ***Larry Shue's The Foreigner*** as its first production of the 2010 Season. The four weekend run opens on February 26 at the center's newly constructed facility at Citrus and Badillo.

Set in a hunting and fishing lodge in rural Georgia, a shy young man poses as a foreigner who speaks no English, in order to reveal the truth about some villainous local characters who intend to take ownership of the lodge for a KKK headquarters. The late ***Larry Shue's*** comedic work won the 1985 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best New American Play.

***John Butz***, most recently seen at CCPA in ***HMS Pinafore*** and ***A Christmas Carol*** makes his directorial debut for CCPA with ***The Foreigner***. "Although a newcomer to California, ***Butz*** is no newcomer to the stage, bringing an extensive Midwest directorial and acting resume that includes such titles as ***Our Town, The Rainmaker, Carnival, and Once Upon a Mattress,***" according to ***Angelo Collado***, CCPA resident producer. "***John*** is a great new addition to our directorial stable."

***Bruce Man***, a recent arrival from the London Academy of Dramatic Arts leads the cast of seven in the title role. Others in the cast include ***Michael Cavalero*** as Froggy; ***Dani Thompson*** as Betty; ***David Billman*** as Owen; ***Anthony Rutowicz*** as Ellard; ***Jesica Dal Canton*** as Catherine; and ***Paul Lange*** as David.

***Jeremy Lochner*** is assistant director and ***Kenneth Crowley*** stage manages.

Performances will be Friday and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm through March 28. Tickets are \$34.

Tickets for ***The Foreigner***, the Alison England Sam concert, ***Opera, Broadway and Beyond***, April 2 and 3, and season tickets may be obtained by calling the CCPA box office at 626-331-8133. Information about all of CCPA's activities and opportunities may be obtained by visiting its website at [www.covinacenter.com](http://www.covinacenter.com).

