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## DON'T HUG ME, I'M PREGNANT

Written by Cathy Wayne

**Book & Lyrics by Phil Olson**

**Music by Paul Olson**

**Directed by Doug Engalla**

**Choreography by Stan Mazin**

Fourth in a series of “**Don’t Hug Me**” musicals, **DON’T HUG ME, I’M PREGNANT** returns to the little north woods bar “The Bunyan” in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota, owned by Gunner and Clara Johnson. Also returning are the wonderful characters, new terrific original songs, great choreography and belly-filled laughs.

Our story begins with placid Gunner (Patrick Foley) and wacky friend Kannute (Bert Emmett) having their 11am “first beer” of the day. 8-1/2 months pregnant Clara (Rebekah Dunn) comes in out of the increasing snow storm (or as Kannute so eloquently puts it “Snownomami, Snowlacost, Snowcastrophe”) with party supplies for her Baby Shower set to take place later that day in the bar. Gunnar, who doesn’t seem to be the least bit interested in either Clara’s pregnancy or baby shower, was supposed to get the bar ready for the party, but is almost three sheets to the wind with Kannute and trying to avoid the situation altogether. Clara’s best friend, Bernice (Natalie Lander) arrives and Kannute can’t control his attraction for her. But Bernice only has eyes for nerdy Aarvid (Greg Barnett) who is unaware of Bernice’s intentions. So you see there is a lot going on here. But I don’t want to give too much away. You will have too much fun seeing it for yourself.

Photo: Doug Engalla



**PATRICK FOLEY as 'Gunner' and BERT EMMETT as 'Kanute' in  
DON'T HUG ME, I'M PREGNANT**

**September 30 - November 20, 2011**

**The Secret Rose Theatre, 11246 Magnolia Bl., North Hollywood 91601**

Nothing is held back in the characterization of these characters. The audience roars with laughter and Phil Olson's Book and Lyrics, Paul Olson's music, Doug Engalla's direction, and Stan Mazin's choreography and all the talented actors are what make this extraordinarily great fun.

For those of you who haven't attended the first three plays in this series which began in 2003, a little background here: All the "Don't Hug Me" stories are set in "The Bunyan", what we here in Southern California would imagine as your "typical in the middle of nowhere" north woods bar (fantastically designed and constructed by Chris Winfield). All the characters return from each of the previous plays of "DON'T HUG ME", "A DON'T HUG ME CHRISTMAS CAROL", and "A DON'T HUG ME COUNTY FAIR".

This is a superb ensemble cast with each actor becoming the essence of their character. I thoroughly enjoyed all the original songs, as well as the hysterically funny story and script. This was my first encounter with "DON'T HUG ME" stories, and now I'm hooked and can't wait for the next one. For those of you that love silly, funny and entertaining evenings out, this is for you. And what with all the other stuff going on in the world, this is a welcome addition to the already fantastic

NoHo theatre scene. Come out and enjoy! You bet cha!!!



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**Enjoy!!!!!!!**

**Cast:** Gregory D. Barnett, Rebekah Dunn, Bert Emmett, Patrick Foley, Natalie Lander and Understudy Laurie Morgan

**Book & Lyrics:** Phil Olson

**Music:** Paul Olson

**Directed:** Doug Engalla

**Choreography:** Stan Mazin

**Associate Producer:** Brenda Hensley

**Associate Producer:** Laura Coker

**Set Design & Construction:** Chris Winfield

**Costume Design:** Cheryl Crosland Butler

**Publicist:** Nora Feldman

**Secret Rose Theatre**

11246 Magnolia Boulevard

North Hollywood, CA 91601

**Performances:**

September 30 – November 20, 2011

Friday and Saturday at 8pm

Sunday Matinee at 2pm

**Tickets:**

Purchase/Reservations: 323-822-7898

Online: <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/855905>

Group Sales: 818-986-2908

**Ticket Price:**

General Admission: \$20;

Senior/Students: \$17;

Groups 10+: \$15