



PO Box 9771 Berkeley CA 94709  
510 558 1381 centralworks.org

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**PRESS CONTACT:** Jan Zvaifler

510 558 1381

PO Box 9771, Berkeley, 94709

[jan@centralworks.org](mailto:jan@centralworks.org)

**Central Works presents**

## **Misanthrope**

**a revival of the hit comedy based on Moliere's classic  
play about a man who hates the world**

**written & directed by Gary Graves**

**May 23 – June 21**

**A Central Works Method Play**

**originally developed in collaboration with**

**Darren Bridgett, Deborah Fink, Roberto Robinson & Gregory Scharpen**

**What:** Central Works is bringing back its 2002 hit comedy about a man who hates the world! Is there ever a good reason to lie? Is honesty always the best policy? Even in affairs of the heart? Alan Moore is a misanthrope--one who hates mankind or possesses a pessimistic distrust of human nature. Everywhere in society, Alan finds nothing but falseness and hypocrisy. "If it were up to me," he declares, "we would all speak from the heart, or say nothing at all." But when it comes to his best friend, Phil, and Celia, the woman he loves, absolute honesty may be too much for Alan to bear. Called "a thoroughly modern retelling of Moliere's biting farce" by Lisa Drostova of the *East Bay Express* and "all together a tight and incisive new play from old roots" by Jack Tucker of the *West County Times*, this *Misanthrope* honestly promises to be furiously funny!

**When:** May 23-June 21; Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m. & Sunday at 5 p.m.  
Pay-what-you-can preview performance Friday, May 22 at 8 p.m.

**Where:** The Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley.

**Who:** Written and directed by Gary Graves and featuring Darren Bridgett\*, Deborah Fink\* and Michael Navarra\* (\*members AEA). Costumes by Tammy Berlin, sound design by Gregory Scharpen & stage management by Kristin Fitch.

**Tickets:** \$21 online at [centralworks.org](http://centralworks.org) or \$25 – \$14 sliding scale at the door.  
Pay-what-you-can performances on May 22 (preview), 28 & June 4.

**Reservations/Info:** 510 558 1381 or [centralworks.org](http://centralworks.org)

**CENTRAL WORKS: We Make Plays**