

SAN FRANCISCO PLAYHOUSE STAGES
OLIVIER AWARD-WINNING FARCE FULL OF SLAPSTICK SILLINESS
THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

By Henry Lewis, Henry Shields, and Jonathan Sayer

Directed by Susi Damilano

September 21 – November 9, 2024 (opening night: September 27)

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WHAT: San Francisco Playhouse kicks off its 2024-25 season with the Olivier Award-winning comedy *The Play That Goes Wrong*. This fast-paced farce full of slapstick silliness and inventive theatricality finds the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society on opening night of its newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. As the incompetent theatre troupe attempts to stage this 1920s murder mystery, their production devolves into madcap mayhem. Lost props, forgotten lines, and poorly constructed scenery conspire against the clumsy cast, who fight for the show to go on and to survive until the final curtain call. Written by London’s Mischief Theatre co-founders **Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields**, *The Play That Goes Wrong* has performed for almost a decade in the West End, winning the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy before transferring to Broadway. *Entertainment Weekly* said, “*The Play That Goes Wrong* is just right: a ridiculously entertaining disaster.” *The New York Times* deemed it a “gut-busting hit. One of those breakneck exercises in idiocy that make you laugh till you cry. It starts off punch-drunk and just keeps getting drunker.” San Francisco Playhouse Producing Director and co-founder **Susi Damilano**, who has staged silly spoofs at the Playhouse including *Noises Off*, *Clue*, and most recently *The 39 Steps* helms this hilarious whodunit.

WHEN: Previews: Saturday, September 21 – Thursday, September 25, 2024
Opening: *Friday, September 27, 2024*
Closes: Saturday, November 9, 2024

SHOWS: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7pm
Wednesdays: 2pm & 7pm
Fridays: 8pm
Saturdays: 3pm & 8pm
Sundays: 2pm

WHERE: San Francisco Playhouse (450 Post Street, San Francisco)

TICKETS: Single tickets (\$30-\$125) for *The Play That Goes Wrong* and 2024-25 Season subscriptions are currently available. For tickets and more information, the public may visit <https://www.sfplayhouse.org/sfph/2024-2025-season/the-play-that-goes-wrong/> or call the box office at 415-677-9596.

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