

## TYROLIA Press

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### TYROLIA ★★★★★

Featuring **Moyan King, Mark Koelsch, David Roche, David Tomlinson, Brittany Wright.** Written by **Hope Thompson.** Directed by **Sky Gilbert.** Presented by **Highball Theatre Co.** July 11, 7:15pm; July 12, 4:30pm.


Five people are trapped in a cabin in the Austrian Alps in this campy, classy piece by filmmaker/playwright Hope Thompson. As Dorothy, the fabulous Moyan King, with her Kathleen Turner voice, struts around in negligees and advocates sane behaviour to the assembled characters. David Tomlinson also stands out as the demented, conflicted Brock. The rest of the cast are also extremely engaging, making the most of the smart dialogue, the shifting loyalties and the strangely forged relationships. Cute and clever, this Sky Gilbert-directed study of love, lust and ideal beauty is thoroughly entertaining. **LS**

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 **TYROLIA** by Hope Thompson. July 11 at 7:15 pm, July 13 at 4:30 pm. Rating: **NNNN**

Incest, homosexuality and cannibalism are on the menu in **Hope Thompson's** gloriously campy look at five tortured souls trapped in a snowed-in Austrian chalet.

There's closeted art prof Reg (**David Roche**); his sexually frustrated wife, Dorothy (**Moyan King**); Dorothy's neurotic brother Brock (**David Tomlinson**); and young newlyweds Olive and Peter (**Brittany Wright** and **Mark Koelsch**).

Thompson has lots of fun goosing her dialogue with sexual innuendo, and there's a sly bit of commentary about the repressive 1950s.

Director **Sky Gilbert**, perhaps helped by the warblings of Wagner in the soundscape, gets heightened performances from his attractive, game cast. King in particular stands out with her breathy-voiced delivery, channelling all the great screen goddesses of the past. **GS**

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