

'I Love My Wife' pokes fun at '70s

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TheatreZone ends its 2009-10 season with the sexy musical comedy "I Love My Wife."

The Cy Coleman musical opens Thursday and continues through Sunday, June 13. The Tony Award-winning hit pokes fun at the sexual revolution in the 1970s.

"'I Love My Wife' hysterically captures the sexual experimentation of the era," says TheatreZone artistic director Mark Danni. "Yet the musical still shows that as hip as the characters try to be, they still love their wives."

The action takes place on Christmas Eve in suburban New Jersey, where two married couples find themselves contemplating a menage-a-quatre - in other words, a foursome. These longtime friends want to plunge into liberated mutual sexuality - but in the end, they only manage to get their toes wet.

Danni calls the 33-year-old play "bright, inventive, amusing and breezy."

"What is truly innovative about the show is that the musicians are on the stage and are actually welded into the play," he says. "No one had ever done that before."

"The musicians are ... a kind of Greek chorus," he added. "They sing, change costume and comment on the action."

"I Love My Wife" opens Thursday at The G&L Theatre on the campus of The Community School of Naples, 13275 Livingston Road, Naples.

Performances are 8 p.m. next Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$38-\$43. Call 1-888-966-3352 or go to theatrezone-florida.com.