## *The Underpants*

*by Steve Martin*

*Directed by Jim Holmes*

### *CAST*

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| LOUISE MASKE | Sarah Argue |
| THEO MASKE | Bernie Horton |
| GERTRUDE DEUTER | Melissa McCallum |
| FRANK VERSATI | Tim Mabey |
| KLINGLEHOFF | Brooke Keneford |
| BENJAMIN COHEN | Dwayne Aylward |
| A VISITOR | Tim Mabey |

**Capital Critics Circle Award**
**Best Director, Community Theatre**

*wins award for The Underpants*

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***EMC Staff Writer***

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# award for *The Underpants*

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**m Holmes recently took home the Capital Critics Circle award for best commu-ty theatre director for The Underpants. Here he poses with his award with one the garments from the play.**