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## Nite Lights

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I have one theatre review for you this week, and two upcoming "Sneak Peeks." Read on, and then why not book some seats? Live theatre is such a joy! (And a fun way to spend time with friends!)

### Closer Than Ever

Charmingly written by Richard Maltby Jr., with music by David Shire, and PLAYFULLY directed by Janet Miller. This intimate and relatable "slice of midlife" musical revue is DELIGHTFUL! Performed in a small theatre, inside the impressive Hollywood Piano Showroom, you'll enjoy wandering around at intermission, viewing spectacular pianos.

The highly skilled, and loveable, Corey Hirsch, accompanies the cast on a beautiful and shiny 9 ½ feet long Mason and Hamlin concert grand piano, with the tasty licks of Brenton Kossak on upright bass. Corey's one solo vocal performance called, "If I Sing" was a highlight moment!

Dealing with an abundance of personal issues, the quartet of EXCELLENT vocalists, take us on a humorous and thought-provoking journey. Touching, relatable, insightful, and funny, most audiences will see some part of themselves in the show. Through the

clever, funny, and poignant lyrics of two dozen songs, we are privy to the joys, sorrows, and insecurities that "sneak up on us" during the middle-aged years (for both guys and dolls).

The four sassy and gifted vocalist/actors touched our hearts, made us laugh, and hit an emotional nerve at the same time. They are: Gabriel Kalomas, Sara Stuckey, Jessie Withers, and David Zack. Individually, and as a group, these are four skilled vocalists with INFECTIOUSLY likeable personas. A highly entertaining show all around, with plenty of life issues to ponder, this is a most-relatable musical show, blessed with a cast of MEGA-TALENTS! Do catch it!

Running for only twelve performances through March 15, at The Hollywood Piano Showroom, located at 323 N. Front St., in Burbank. For seats go to [www.goodpeopletheater.org](http://www.goodpeopletheater.org)

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L-R, Sara J. Stuckey, Gabriel Kalomas, Jessie Withers, and David Zack, of Good People Theater Company, starring in "Closer Than Ever."