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Studio Theatre Rings in One Year of Productions

The intimate black box theater, which opened its doors one year ago today, has witnessed four sold-out shows.

The intimate, 99-seat black box theater at Tierra Del Sol opened its doors one year ago for its inaugural season.

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Trevin Cooper remembers the first time he walked into what would become the Studio Theatre at Tierra Del Sol.

More than a year ago, the building was still a restaurant. Cooper, along with several others, got a table in a corner, surveying the space.

"I thought, 'Would this be a theater?'" said Cooper, who is now the theater's resident

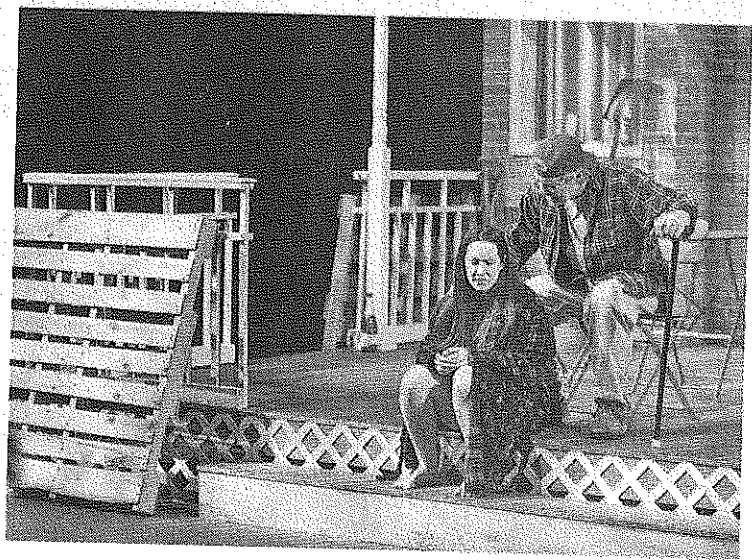
director. "It was a pipe dream." A year ago today, the dream transformed into reality when the 99-seat black box theater opened its doors for its inaugural season.

Four sold-out plays — "Next to Normal," "Private Lives," "The Last Five Years" and "Proof" — made an impression on patrons. The Studio Theatre received 47 nominations for the BroadwayWorld Orlando Awards in the professional category.

"That feels awesome," artistic director Whitney Morse said. "We're all overwhelmed by that. I wasn't expecting that many."

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Bill Jones and Lon Abrams act out a scene from the final play of the inaugural season, "Proof," at the Studio Theatre.