

***Talley's Folly* at Theatre Three**

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Theatre-in-the-round can be a blessing or a curse. If you're in the audience, there is no bad seat, but the actors are required to perform to all directions without seeming like they're spinning in circles. At Theatre Three, they've got it down to an art and *Talley's Folly*, the two-person, one-act romantic dramedy makes you feel like you're a fly on the wall in a shabby boathouse.

It's 1944 in a tiny town in Missouri. Matt Friedman (Chuck Huber), a middle-aged accountant has struck out with the family of Sally Talley (Shauna McLean), the spinster daughter of one of the town's wealthy families. He's retreated to the boathouse on the riverside. She follows.

It's not just that he's Jewish: Sally's family don't like anything about Matt. With his thick Eastern European accent, nobody knows where he's from and he doesn't feel the need to enlighten anyone of his origins. He's a simple man who works with numbers and he thought he and Sally had hit it off well the previous summer. Sally tries to banish him because he doesn't please her family. She's sure he's not the right man for her because her family says so. The two go back and forth, sparring with words that cut like knives. Will love win out?

The actors made us laugh and they made us cry. It doesn't get much better, but then at Theatre Three, the standard is excellence.

Don't miss *Talley's Folly*. It plays through December 20th at Theatre Three Uptown in the Quadrangle. For tickets and reservations, call Theatre Three's Box Office at 214.871.3300 and access option 1 or go online to theatre3dallas.com.