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Angela Murri, from left, Tricia Williams Ferry and Jay Pyette act out a scene from the upcoming play, "Dinner with Friends" that Montana Actors' Theatre is running starting next Friday. The play, directed by Rachel Dean, showcases four lifelong friends and how they cope when two get a divorce.

Four friends, two couples - one of whom is getting divorced - discuss love, marriage and life, on stage. The Montana Actors' Theatre debut of Donald Margulies' Pulitzer-prize winning "Dinner with Friends" is a week from today.

The play is more than fiction - it's therapy, the actors and director Rachel Dean said Wednesday.

"This is truth, this is life," Dean said. "This show helps you connect and say, 'I'm not alone. There are other people who understand how this feels, who have been through this scenario.'"

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