SHINDIGGER

Valentine’s Day Massacre

Broadway stars Jefferson Mays, Norbert Leo Butz, and Cynthia Nixon offer Valentine’s Day devotions.

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Something devilishly delightful is taking place at the Walter Kerr Theatre. A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder is a story that never quite ended. The star is Norbert Leo Butz, a former New York Shakespeare Festival actor who decided to return to the stage, following a long career in film and television. The character of Lawrence is played by Jefferson Mays, a familiar face in Off-Broadway productions. The actors take turns on stage, and the audience is left guessing who will come out on top.

Butz switchbacked to hang out with the evening’s performers.

"Shindigger sandbagged us," said Maria Byrnes, the star of the show. "I was supposed to be on stage with a bottle of whiskey around my neck," said Mays. Butz added, "I think it’s a great idea, actually."