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LEADING LADIES NEXT AT CAST JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 15

Community Actors' Studio Theatre's next production starts this month, on Thursday, January 29 at McClellan Theatre and continues three weekends. *Leading Ladies*, a romantic comedy is suited for mature audiences. Directed by Kim Dobbs, eight characters will entertain you in this plot of mistaken identities with an inheritance from a dying old lady as the two Shakespearean actors' desired pot of gold. They use every trick in the book to get it!

The box office is open for your call for reservations. Call 820-CAST and be sure to state your name clearly, the date you want to come, and your phone number. The farce is about two hours and fifteen minutes.

About Ken Ludwig

Ken Ludwig, who was actually born in York, PA, the play's setting, is a well known playwright and director now living in Washington, DC. Over the years, he has received two Tony nominations, two Tony Awards, two Helen Hayes awards, and the coveted Lawrence Olivier Award. The works of this contemporary writer have been performed in over 25 countries and they have been translated into at least 16 languages. Among his recent plays are *Moon Over Buffalo* and *Lend Me a Tenor* and the musical *Crazy For You*. Among the writer's recent projects are adaptation of Robert Lewis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* which premiered in New York, in April, 2007.



Letter from the Editor

Dear Patrons,

January's here and it's time to fondly remember the strummin and singin' Sanders Family and anticipate the schemes and scandals of two cunning English Shakespearean actors, Leo and Jack. As opening night, January 29 nears, there's lots to look forward to in this comedy written by Ken Ludwig. The plot involves two actors, (Leo played by David Rice and Jack, portrayed by Glenn Davenport) who are so down on their luck that the one engagement they have now is performing for the Moose Ledge dinner in York, PA; and even that is a flop!

They are introduced to the Moose membership by Doc Myers, played by Mike Stedham, who we meet again as the wealthy old lady 's (Linda Lee's) doctor. Jack and Leo are at the end of their rope until they read in the local newspaper on the train that Florence is searching for two long lost nephews who will inherit her fortune. After talking to Audrey (Kimberly Davenport) on the train, (Audrey has met Florence) they decide to pose as Max and Steve and visit the family where they will meet Meg (Pati Tiller), Florence's niece, and family friends. (Duncan Wooley, the minister) is played by Mike Crosby and Butch, Doc's son (Logan Huggins) is in love with Audrey.

Imagine Jack and Leo's' surprise when they discover that it's nieces, that Florence is seeking, not nephews!

Still, where there's a will, (an important written will) there's a way. The method the actors use to transition into "Maxine" and "Stephanie" will keep you laughing every minute. It has been reviewed by the Houston Chronicle as "consistently funny..... indeed, increasingly funny as it progresses".

Get ready for a hilarious show. See you at the theater,

Hervey Folsom

Hervey Folsom, Editor



Dear CAST Supporters:

Shakespeare would roll over if he should witness the hilarity he has inspired in LEADING LADIES. A cast headed up by David Rice, Glenn Davenport and Pati Tiller is rounded out with Mike Stedham, Logan Huggins, Kimberly Davenport, Mike Crosby and Linda Lee. This romp through seeking true love amidst mistaken identity with wigs a-flyin' creates nothing short of guffaws and knee slapping. Be sure to join the fun as we tickle your funny bone.

Thank you for supporting live theatre in our community.

Kim Dobbs, Artistic Director

Reservation Tips

Reservations are not required, but they are strongly encouraged. If you hold a season ticket, that will not guarantee a seat for any particular performance. It does mean that you have prepaid for your seating ticket, but to be assured of a seat for the performance you wish to see, please call ahead and make a reservation.

Usually, you will be asked to leave a message, which will be returned as soon as possible. When leaving a message, please provide as much specific information as possible, such as, the date and time you want to come, how many are in your party, your name (both first and last), your telephone numbers where you may be reached. Please do not rush through the name and telephone information. If there is any background noise, some of the information will be lost. So, if possible, repeat the name and telephone information.

If you are scheduling a group, we will ask that you prepay for the tickets. Even if you do not have enough people to qualify for a group rate, but you wish to be able to sit together, we will accommodate that situation if you prepay for your tickets. In any case, we can hold those seats only until 10 minutes before scheduled curtain time. At that point, if you are not in your seats, we will release them.

When making reservations, please call prior to 4:00 pm of the day of the performance if for Thursday, Friday or Saturday, and prior to 9:00 am if for Sunday. Calls made after those times will not be returned.

You may also visit our website – castalabama.com – to purchase tickets online. You will need a credit card. There will be a small convenience charge added to the price of each ticket. Please print your e-tickets and bring them to the theatre. Just drop them by the box office cashier, and then enter the house when the doors open. Once you purchase your tickets online, you are automatically on the reservation list.

Leading Ladies
tickets may be purchased at:
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Anniston,
Golden Springs Pharmacy,
NobleBank, Anniston and Oxford,
Crow Drug in Jacksonville,
Cheaha Bank, Oxford and Jacksonville

CAST Enters State Competition

If you have glanced at CAST's website you know that our theater is entering Alabama Community Theatre Festival 2009 on January 9 and 10, 2009 at the Parnell Memorial Library Theatre in Montevallo. The CAST entry is from Act 1 of *Lady With All The Answers* with Debby Mathews. Three other state community theaters will perform. Then, the regional competition is in Birmingham at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, in March 2009. CAST patrons are invited to attend and show their support.

Congratulations and best of luck to the *Lady With All The Answers* company! Morale is high after CAST received a "best wishes" email from David Rambo, the drama's playwright.

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