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'Lend Me A Tenor' Press Release posted by Bob Evans

Lend Me A Tenor, the hilarious comedy from Ken Ludwig, was a sensation on Broadway (twice!), and in London's West End. Opening here on April 12th, it will bring non-stop laughter to Theatre Lawrence. USA Today raved that the show is "hysterical!" and the three-time Tony Award winner has been called "the most inventive, original farce in a long time."

Set in 1934, Henry Saunders (Chuck Mosley), the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world famous, Tito Merelli, *Il Stupendo* (Bruce Everett Douglas), the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only at the gala season opener. The star arrives late and, through a hilarious series of mishaps, is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out.

In a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders forces his hapless assistant, Max (Michael Dieker), an aspiring singer, to get into Merelli's costume and fool the audience into thinking he's *Il Stupendo*. Max succeeds admirably, but Merelli comes to and gets into his other costume, ready to perform. Now two tenors are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with *Il Stupendo* in this screwball comedy that will leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter.

The cast includes Michael Dieker, Rachel Hamm, Chuck Mosley, Bruce Everett Douglas, Secily Rees, Dylan Hart, Julia Peterson, and Diane Wurzer. Direction for the show is by Terrance McKerrs, Set and Lighting Design by James Diemer, Sound Design by Bob Newton, Costume Design by Jane Pennington and Stage Management by Kathi Killman. An exhibit featuring the work of Maria Martin will be on display in the Oldfather Lobby.

PERFORMANCES:

APRIL 12, 13, 14*, 18, 19, 20, 21*

Evening Performances at 7:30 PM | *Matinee

Performances @ 2:30 PM

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