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Edison Theatre Presents a Farce of Hysterical Proportion

Mammoth Lakes, CA – There’s no better way to start off 2012 at the Edison Theatre than with a riotous, door-slamming, dress-dropping, mixed-up-identity farce. Ken Ludwig’s *Lend Me a Tenor*, which just completed a successful Broadway run starring Tony Shaloub (Monk) as the hysterical opera company manager, opens in February with strong local talent bringing the crazy cast of characters to life.

It’s September 8th, 1934, and Cleveland’s premiere opera producer is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. The tickets are sold, the stage is set, and the thirty-piece orchestra is ready. But, it’s about to become “un disastro gigantesco,” because with three minutes to curtain, the leading man - the greatest tenor in the world, known as “Il Stupendo” has gone missing! And that’s only in the first five minutes! Love, lust, laughter, romance, chases, champagne, and opera—what more could anyone want in a night in the theatre?

“I wanted to do a show that was fun, not only for the audience, but for the actors as well,” advised Director Shira Dubrovner. “*Lend Me a Tenor*’ is just that kind of production, one that promises laughs from the first situation that arises through to the end. This play is perfect for the winter doldrums; it should wake up the audience with its non-stop craziness as well as the innuendo and compromising positions. It’s not a musical, although there are some short music

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sequences with the two tenors. But if you want to know more about what happens, you'll have to come see us in February!"

The local cast features Chuck Scatolini as Tito Merelli, the great Italian Tenor also known as "Il Stupendo"; Greg Young is the scheming opera manager Mr. Saunders; Tim Casey is Max, Saunders' mousy assistant who dreams of an operatic career and who's in love with Saunders' daughter Maggie played by Erica Sutch, who in turn is infatuated with "Il Stupendo." Alice Suszynski plays Julia the overexcited chairman of the opera board; Lynne Blanche is the sexy soprano Diana; Jimmy Ogburn plays the star-struck bellhop; and Juliana Olinka is "Il Stupendo's" jealous wife, Maria.

"Lend Me a Tenor," will play February 9-26, for three weekends, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm, and on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm. Ticket prices for this production are \$20 General Admission and \$18 for seniors and Students.

The Edison Theatre is also offering the opportunity for companies to buy out a night of the theatre as a gift for their employees or supporters; or for local non-profits to partner with us and use an evening's performance as a fun way to raise funds. If interested, contact Shira Dubrovner at 760-934-6592 or shira@mammothlakesfoundation.org.

"Lend Me a Tenor"

February 9-26, 2012

Thurs.-Sat. 7 pm, Sun. 4pm

General admission: \$20

Seniors and students: \$18

Group Rates Available

Edison Theatre

100 College Parkway (Off Meridian Blvd.)

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Tickets: 760.934.6592

For directions or more information on upcoming events at Edison Theatre visit MammothLakesFoundation.org.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation is dedicated to supporting higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. Recent successes include supporting Cerro Coso Community College, which recently graduated its largest class of students, creating a state-of-the-art student apartment facility, and providing scholarships to 50 local students for the 2010/11 school year. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation please contact the Foundation at (760) 934-3781 or visit www.mammothlakesfoundation.org. Our nonprofit work is only possible through your generosity.

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