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UD THEATER SEASON OPENS WITH 'MOON OVER BUFFALO'

DAYTON, Ohio — A theatrical couple's mistaken identities and misunderstandings take center stage when the University of Dayton opens its 1999-2000 theater season.

The UD student production of *Moon Over Buffalo* will open at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, in the Boll Theatre of the Kennedy Union. Other shows will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. The show will continue at 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 28-30.

General admission tickets are available for \$8 at the Kennedy Union Box Office at (937) 229-2545 or (937) 229-3950. Season tickets that include three plays are available for \$21, and a season ticket package that also includes two dance concerts is available for \$35.

Ken Ludwig, who also wrote *Lend Me A Tenor*, is the author of the play to be directed at UD by Gina Kleesattel, who has directed musical productions at UD for the past five years. She will direct an eight-person cast in *Moon Over Buffalo*.

Kleesattel describes the play as a contemporary farce, set in 1953, that takes place in the green room and stage of the Erlanger Theatre in Buffalo, N.Y., where George and Charlotte Hay are performing *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Private Lives*.

"They (George and Charlotte Hay) have been acting together for many years, with the dream of doing film and one more film has just slipped through their fingers as we find them here," Kleesattel said. "On this particular day, their daughter, Roz, has come to visit with her

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new fiance — her ex-fiance is in the cast with her parents. Issues are further complicated when it comes to light that the ingenue is pregnant and George is responsible. Amidst drunken brawls, tearful women, confused boyfriends and Charlotte's deaf mother — this company of actors hears that Frank Capra is in the audience and therefore 'the show must go on!'" she said.

"We decided to do this show because contemporary farce is really hitting mainstream theatre — it's a great experience for the students and a great time for the audience," Kleesattel said.

Joe Rowley and Megan Cooper play the roles of George and Charlotte Hay. Other UD students in the production include Ann Bourke, Arlynn Davis, Ben Toma, George R.J. Sontag, Erika Whites and Michael Walter, a 1997 Kettering High School graduate.

The next two productions of the UD theater season will include *Antigone* Jan. 21-23 and 27-28 and *Bye, Bye, Birdie* February 25-27 and March 2-4. The UD Dance Ensemble will have concerts Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and Friday and Saturday, April 7-8.

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