

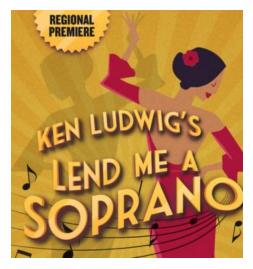
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New Stage Theatre's 58th Season Opens with Lend Me a Soprano

SHEnanigans Abound!



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre opens its 58th Season with the Regional Premiere of *Lend Me a Soprano* by Ken Ludwig September 12-24, 2023. Curtain times and dates for performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$35.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by the Bruckner Photography. Security provided and patrols during performances. *Recommended for ages 14+ for adult humor and content*.

Based on Ken Ludwig's Tony Award-winning *Lend Me A Tenor*, this madcap screwball comedy features ladies in the leading roles and is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter! It's 1934, and

the clever and combustible Lucille Wiley, Manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is ready to welcome world-class soprano Elena Firenzi for her one-night-only starring role in *Carmen*. However, Elena arrives late, she is sick, and her passionate husband Pasquale has a fit of jealousy. So, Mrs. Wiley's mousy but determined assistant Jo has to come up with a plan to save the day in order to keep her job!

New Stage Theatre Artistic Director Francine Reynolds said, "We are really leaning into fun for Season 58 with our opening production. I am delighted that New Stage is one of the first regional theatres to premiere *Lend Me a Soprano* by Ken Ludwig, after its first staging at the Alley Theatre in Houston. Ludwig has written a very funny play balancing farce, wit and heart expertly. The cast and company assembled for *Lend Me a Soprano* is top rate and perfectly poised to deliver the laughs!"

The cast includes: Jo Ann Robinson as Mrs. Wylie (Pearl), Sarah Beth Solop as Jo (Madison), Michael Kinslow as Jerry (Jackson), Joe Frost as Pasquale (Jackson), Annie Gill as Elena (Baltimore), Jack Baugh as Leo (New York), Marquita Levy as Beverly the Belhop (Brandon), and Viola Dacus as Julia. (Clinton) *Robinson appears through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association*.

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Discount Nights

PAY WHAT YOU CAN NIGHT: Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6:00 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. If tickets are available they can be purchased at any value with cash, check, or credit card (\$5 minimum is required if using a credit card). This offer is only valid for the September 13 performance.

STUDENT RUSH DISCOUNT: One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. Limit one ticket per ID.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth 18 and under can reserve \$15 tickets for the performances on Friday, September 15, 2023. This discount is only available by calling the box office and mentioning "youth night" for the discount.

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: September 12, 2023; Close: September 24, 2023

Performance Times:

Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:00 pm; Sundays: 2:00 pm

Tickets:

\$35; seniors/students/military \$25

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 4 pm - 7030 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (a per-ticket service

fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases)

Production Information

Director
Production Stage Manager
Scenic Designer/Tech Dir
Production Manager
Costume Designer
Lighting Designer
Sound Designer
Properties Designer
Lead Electrician
Production Associate
Assistant Costumer
Production Assistant
Carpenter
Vocal Consultant
Asst. to the Director

Cast MRS. WYLIE JO JERRY

PASQUALE ELENA LEO

BEVERLY THE BELHOP JULIA

JULIA

UNDERSTUDIES

Francine Thomas Reynolds

Mattea Pierce Richard Lawrence Clara Seitz Caleb Blackwell Anna Dunbar Alberto Meza Jenna Kahley Matthew McMurtry

Antonio Juarez Nina Frost Darby Frost Dave Ellis Mandy Spivak Vernell Allen

Jo Ann Robinson* Sarah Beth Solop Michael Kinslow

Joe Frost Annie Gill Jack Baugh Marquita Levy Viola Dacus

Mandy Kate Myers Morgan McKay Paul Pelletier Jr. Sarah Wade Baxter Evans III Jade Krystal Dyer Ashia Benford