

*New Stage Theatre's 58<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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# NEW STAGE

*Theatre*

1100 Carlisle Street  
Jackson, Miss. 39202  
Phone (601) 948-3533

## 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](http://www.newstagetheatre.com)

Email: [tickets@newstagetheatre.com](mailto: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 - 7:30 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

### Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.newstagetheatre.com](http://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

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

### Cast

MRS. WYLIE

JO

JERRY

PASQUALE

ELENA

LEO

BEVERLY THE BELHOP

JULIA

UNDERSTUDIES

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