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Carpenter Square Theatre Presents Madcap Comedy for the Holiday Season

If you're ready for some laughs during the busy holiday season, Carpenter Square Theatre has them planned with its production of "Tom, Dick & Harry," a rollicking comedy by Ray Cooney and Michael Cooney. Performances are November 27-December 19 in the intimate arena theater at Stage Center, located at 400 W. Sheridan in downtown Oklahoma City. Special "Two-for-One" ticket nights are December 10 and December 17.

The Cooney writing team has created a madcap romp with rapid-fire dialogue that would do Preston Sturges proud - all you're missing is Cary Grant in a negligee! Tom and Linda are a couple desperate to adopt a baby. If they can impress the social worker that the adoption agency sends for a site visit, a child will be theirs. Trouble rears its meddlesome head when Tom's brothers, Dick and Harry arrive on the day of the site visit. Devil-may-care Dick prefers smuggling to a regular job, and daffy Harry works at the local hospital morgue, but both are eager to help their big brother. The brothers' "help" produces cases of illegal brandy, a bag of body parts, two illegal immigrants from Kosovo and a Russian mobster. Lies pile on top of lies and mayhem ensues until things couldn't possibly get worse. Or could they? Of course, they can!

Directed by Rhonda Clark, the cast includes Terry Veal, Dawn Deckman, Christopher Curtis, Brett Young, Caitlin Cairns, Paul Smith, Ryan Swartz, Too Too Cirlot and Shane Green.

Opening night theatergoers are invited to a post-show party on November 27 with complimentary food and a cash bar. On November 28, the audience is invited to attend "Theatre Exchange" immediately following the performance. This event includes a lively discussion with the cast and production team about the play and the process of bringing it to life, along with a question and answer session.

Specific performances dates & times for "Tom, Dick & Harry" are:

November 27-28 and December 4-5 at 8 p.m.

December 10 at 7:30 p.m.; December 11-12 at 8 p.m.; December 13 at 2 p.m.

December 17 at 7:30 p.m.; December 18-19 at 8 p.m.

Reservations are suggested for all performances. Adult tickets are \$18 with \$15 tickets for seniors, military and groups of ten or more. Students may purchase \$5 student rush tickets on the day of the show.

Support is provided in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Allied Arts Foundation. "Tom, Dick & Harry" is an Allied Arts OKCity Card event. Cast Sponsors for the production are Larry and Leah Westmoreland.

Carpenter Square Theatre is a non-profit community theater committed to entertain, educate and enrich the community with unedited, live theater, and is known for producing contemporary plays that have never been produced in Oklahoma City before, or have been rarely performed here. The theater's production of "Tom, Dick & Harry" marks its Oklahoma City premiere.

For more information, visit www.carpentersquare.com or call the Carpenter Square Theatre box office at 405-232-6500.

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