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MADCAP MUSICAL COMEDY ROLLS INTO OLD TOWN
Cygnet Theatre Presents San Diego Premiere of ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

SAN DIEGO, CA – In March, a luxury train rolls into Old Town bringing nonstop laughter and mayhem. The madcap musical comedy, ***On the Twentieth Century***, features the writing talents of **Betty Comden** and **Adolph Greene**. Original music was composed by **Cy Coleman**, who was honored with Tony Awards for Best Original Score & Best Book (1978). This musical comedy team lent their unique comic genius and sophisticated wit to dozens of Broadway hits including *On the Town* and *Bells are Ringing*. *On the Twentieth Century* will be directed by **Sean Murray**. The production runs **March 9 through April 30**. Opening night for media is **March 18**.

Set in the roaring twenties, when a trip on the Twentieth Century Limited train was the height of luxury, the musical has been described as “part operetta, part farce and part screwball comedy.” The Broadway production opened in 1978 and garnered multiple Tony Awards. A popular 2015 Broadway revival featured Kristin Chenoweth.

Originally presented as a benefit concert reading for Cygnet Theatre in 2010, this fully staged production features a cast of 15 and a live orchestra. “This may just be the funniest cast we have ever assembled,” said Murray, who will reprise his role as bankrupt theater producer Oscar Jaffe.

Featuring **Eileen Bowman** as Lily Garland and **Melinda Gilb** as Mrs. Primrose, many Cygnet favorites will round out the cast including **Bryan Banville**, **Michael Cusimano**, **Melissa Fernandes**, **Steve Gunderson**, **Amy Perkins** and **Deborah Wanger**.

Creating a luxury train for the Cygnet stage will be set designer **Sean Fanning**. The production team also features music direction by **Terry O’Donnell**, choreography by **David Brannen**, costume design by **Jeanne Reith**, lighting design by **Chris Rynne**, and sound design by **Dylan Nielsen**. Wigs and makeup will be created by **Peter Herman**. **Craig Campbell** will stage manage.

Performances are March 9 through April 30. Showtimes are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8:00pm, Saturdays at 3:00pm and 8:00pm, and Sundays at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

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ON THE 20TH CENTURY FACT SHEET

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre presents **ON THE 20TH CENTURY**

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre
4040 Twiggs St. in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

WHO: Book and Lyrics: Betty Comden and Adolph Green
Music: Cy Coleman
Director: Sean Murray
Choreography: David Brannen°
Scenic Designer: Sean Fanning°
Music Director: Terry O'Donnell
Costume Designer: Jeanne Reith°
Lighting Designer: Chris Rynne°
Sound Designer: Dylan Nielsen
Wigs and Makeup: Peter Herman°
Stage Manager: Craig Campbell *

CAST: Bryan Banville ° (Max Jacobs/Train Secretary)
Eileen Bowman * (Mildred Plotka/Lily Garland)
Drew Bradford (Porter)
Morgan Carberry (Agnes/Ensemble)
Trevor Cruse (Porter)
Michael Cusimano * (Bruce Granit)
Melissa Fernandes ° (Olivia)
Melinda Gilb ° * (Letitia Primrose)
Samantha Wynn Greenstone (Doctor/Ensemble)
Steve Gunderson * (Owen)
Luke H. Jacobs (Conductor/Ensemble)
Lafras le Roux (Congressman Lockwood/Ensemble)
Sean Murray (Oscar Jaffe)
Amy Perkins (Anita/Ensemble)
Debra Wanger (Imelda Thornton)
*Member of Actors Equity Association, °Resident Artist

DATES: Previews begin: Friday, March 9
Press Opening: Saturday, March 18, 8:00pm
Closes: Sunday, April 30

Performance Schedule
Wednesday & Thursday at 7:30pm
Friday at 8:00pm
Saturday at 3:00pm and 8:00pm
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

CYGNETURE EVENTS:**Social Media Night: March 17****Out Night, LGBT: March 22****Theatre on Tap & Friday Forum: March 24****Wine Tasting Night: March 30**

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ABOUT CYGNET THEATRE

Cygnnet Theatre Company produces a year-round season of professional Off-Broadway-style theatre as well as thought-provoking and engaging educational programming. Cygnnet is committed to maintaining high standards of artistic and fiscal integrity, and serves more than 40,000 patrons annually from San Diego and beyond. Cygnnet performs its mainstage productions at the state-of-the-art theatre in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. An active member of the San Diego community, Cygnnet has outreach programs serving tens of thousands of students and community members annually. For more information, visit www.cygnnettheatre.com.

CYGNET THEATRE MISSION STATEMENT

Believing in the power of theatre to startle the soul, stir debate and embrace the wide diversity of the community it serves, Cygnnet Theatre Company is fearlessly committed to the dissection, examination and celebration of the human story through the medium of live theatre.