



PROMETHEAN
THEATRE ENSEMBLE



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WORLD PREMIERE COMMEDIA PIECE *THE LIGHT OF LOVE* TO OPEN PROMETHEAN THEATRE ENSEMBLE'S SECOND SEASON

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007-CHICAGO, IL: Building on the success of their first season (*Beyond Therapy* and *Our Country's Good*), Promethean Theatre Ensemble will launch season 2 with a daring and entertaining new work, *The Light of Love*, playing October 20th through November 11th at City Lit Theatre.

The Light of Love is an original Commedia piece, developed by the co-directors and an ensemble of actors in workshops and rehearsals in the style of the highly physical and improvisational 16th-century art form. The story is as follows: our hero, the bumbling servant Arlecchino, goes on an epic journey to win the heart of his beloved Columbina by finding a night-light so she can read her guilty pleasure books before bed. Along the way, he meets sly Doctors, blustering Captains and even a god or two. This seemingly simple search will take him from the town square to Mt. Olympus and even the Underworld itself.

The project is helmed by new ensemble members and co-directors **Sam Wooten** and **Ned Record**, seen performing last season in Promethean Theatre Ensemble's production of the Timberlake Wertenbaker play *Our Country's Good*. Wooten has studied Commedia in Italy (XXth Stage Internazionale di Commedia Dell'Arte), and has taught numerous mask, movement and commedia workshops. Record has also studied abroad, receiving his Masters Degree in Classical Acting from London's Central School of Speech and Drama. The show will feature the mask designs of **Jeff Semmerling** of **Semmerling and Schaefer Mask Studios**, puppet design by **Daniel Roberts**, and an original soundscape created by PTE Artistic Associate **Dawen Wang**.

The cast will include Promethean Theatre Ensemble members **Kyla Embry** (*Our Country's Good*) as Isabella, **Derek Jarvis** as Capitano, **Brian Pastor** (*Our Country's Good*) as Flavio and **Tom Weber** (*Beyond Therapy*) as Pantalone. PTE also welcomes newcomers **Brianna Sloane** as Arlecchino, **Kate Mettam** as Columbina and **Mark Soloff** as Dottore.

The Light of Love will be presented at City Lit Theatre, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Official opening will take place on Saturday, October 20th, with the run continuing Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through November 11th. There will also be two preview performances on Thursday October 18th and Friday October 19th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and tickets can be purchased by calling (773) 305-2897. For more information, please visit www.prometheantheatre.org. ♦



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FAST FACT SHEET, *THE LIGHT OF LOVE*

WHAT: *The Light of Love*, produced by Promethean Theatre Ensemble

WHEN: October 20th-November 11th

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Sundays at 2 p.m.

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TICKETS: \$20. To reserve tickets call (773) 305-2897.

CAST: Kyla Embry*, Derek Jarvis*, Kate Mettam, Brian Pastor*, Brianna Sloane, Mark Soloff, Tom Weber*

CO-DIRECTORS: Sam Wooten*, Ned Record*

*PTE ensemble member

BRIEF SYNOPSIS: In this world premiere Commedia piece, bumbling servant Arlecchino goes on an epic journey to win the heart of his beloved Columbina by finding a night-light so she can read her guilty pleasure books before bed. Along the way, he meets sly Doctors, blustering Captains and even a god or two. This seemingly simple search will take him from the town square to Mt. Olympus and even the Underworld itself.

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