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Tony Award- winning musical to round out New Harmony Theatre's 2003 season.

The New Harmony Theatre will end its 16th season with a rollicking musical that won two Tony Awards. *A Day in Hollywood/ A Night in the Ukraine* includes a first act that is a funny and nostalgic spoof of 1930s movies. The second act is the comedy the Marx Brothers didn't make, but could have. *A Day in Hollywood/ A Night in the Ukraine* opens Friday, August 1 and runs Thursday through Sunday until August 17.

The show begins in the lobby of Grauman's Chinese Theatre where six members of the ushering staff sing a musical tribute to the screen stars and productions of that era. The second act is set in the stately mansion of Mrs. Pavlenko, a wealthy Ukrainian widow.

The same talented cast fills the roles for both acts of the musical. Jeffrey Johnson, originally from Evansville and a graduate of Reitz High School, will play the role of Samovar. He has been on Broadway in *Senator Joe*, *Eastern Standard*, and *The Three Musketeers*. He also has been on national tour with *Einstein on the Beach*, *The Cave*, and *A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine*.

Larry Daggett will play Carlo. Daggett has Broadway credits with *Ragtime* and National Tour credits with *Some Enchanted Evening*. Noreen MacDonald will portray Mrs. Pavlenko. She has performed in Europe in *Crazy For You* and has been on the national tour of *Singin' in the Rain*.

The role of Nina will be portrayed by Whitney Webster. Webster was in the original Broadway cast of *A Christmas Carol*. She has also been in national and Broadway tours, including *Showboat* and *My Fair Lady*. Amanda Whitford will portray the legendary Harpo. She has been seen in *The Glass Blowers*, *George M!*, and *S'Wonderful* all in New York. Jeff Williams will play the role of Constantine. This is Williams second season at NHT. He was also in NHT's production of *Cole Porter's You Never Know*. He also has been in *A Christmas Carol* and *The Music Man* on Broadway.

Christina E. Johnson will play Sascha. She has done regional work with The Lost Colony and Atlanta Ballet. She also performed in a Super Bowl half-time show. Edgar Contreras rounds out the cast playing the role of Masha. Contreras has done regional work at The

A Day in Hollywood/ A Night in the Ukraine will run August 1 through 17, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$19 for groups of 20 or more.

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