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CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE OPENS 99TH SEASON
WITH

THE LITTLE FOXES

SEPT. 12 - OCT 5 IN THE ALLEN THEATRE

Press Opening Night: September 17 at 7:30 pm

CLEVELAND, OH (*September 2, 2014*) When the Hubbard siblings have the chance to strike it rich, not even the ties of blood or marriage are safe from their cold calculations and elaborate schemes. Artistic Director Laura Kepley launches Cleveland Play House's 99th season with Lillian Hellman's delicious drama of ambition and greed in the Deep South that warns us to keep our friends close – and our relatives closer. *The Little Foxes*, directed by Cleveland Play House Artistic Director Laura Kepley, will run from September 12 – October 5 in the Allen Theatre at PlayhouseSquare.

The focus is on Southerner Regina Hubbard Giddens, who struggles for wealth and freedom within the confines of an early 20th- century society where a father considered only sons as legal heirs. As a result, her avaricious brothers Benjamin and Oscar are independently wealthy, while she must rely upon her sickly husband Horace for financial support. Cleveland native Maggie Lacey will play the role of Regina, a role previously played by such iconic actresses as Anne Bancroft, Elizabeth Taylor, Tallulah Bankhead, Stockard Channing and Bette Davis (film version).

CPH Artistic Director Laura Kepley comments: “The theme of our 99th season is Legacy and we open our season with a great American play, *The Little Foxes*. It premiered 75 years ago, yet is so incredibly topical and startlingly relevant I keep forgetting it’s a classic American play. It has been produced and interpreted by every successive generation because it explores what happens when the ambition that drives the American dream becomes predatory. This play really has it all. It’s fast paced, it’s very funny, and these characters will stop at nothing. This is sibling rivalry at its most intense, ferocious, and delicious.”

The Little Foxes contains racial slurs.

The Little Foxes Cast

Heather Anderson Boll (*Birdie Hubbard*), **Nick Barbato** (*Leo Hubbard*), **Donald Carrier** (*Horace Giddens*), **Robert Ellis** (*Mr. Marshall*), **Cameron Folmar** (*Ben Hubbard*), **Maggie Lacey** (*Regina Giddens*), **Megan King** (*Alexandra Giddens*), **Jerry Richardson** (*Oscar Hubbard*), **Kim Sullivan** (*Cal*) and **Sherrie Tolliver** (*Addie*).

The Little Foxes Creative Team

Lillian Hellman (Playwright/ 1905-1984), Laura Kepley (Director), Michael Boll (Lighting Designer), Thom Jones (Voice and Speech Director), Lex Liang (Scenic & Costume Designer), Jane Shaw (Sound Designer) and Ron Wilson (Fight Choreographer.) The Stage Manager for this production is **Tom Humes**. The Assistant Stage Manager is **Lizzie Robinson**.

Full bios available at clevelandplayhouse.com, or by request.

The Little Foxes Special Events

Behind-the-Scenes: Design and (Re)Construction

September 6, 2014 @ 11:00-12:30pm

From luxury lofts in former warehouses to factories turned trendy bars, Cleveland knows the past can be sexy. Join the set/costume designer of *The Little Foxes*, Lex Liang, as he reveals how CPH's production revitalizes the play's Southern Reconstruction-era setting to breathe fresh life into a classic. **RSVP required** InsideCPH@clevelandplayhouse.com

Tech Tuesday: The Little Foxes

September 9, 2014 @6:30pm – 8:30pm

Tech night invites audiences into the process of designing and executing each CPH Mainstage production. Attendees will have direct interaction with the production's designers and crew, including tours of the set and space and Q&A session. **RSVP required** InsideCPH@clevelandplayhouse.com

Free pre-show discussions occur 45 minutes prior to every performance.

Free post-show TalkBacks will be held after the Sunday, Sep 21, Tuesday, Sep 23 and Sunday, Sep 28 performances.

Ticket Information

The Little Foxes will take place September 12 – October 5 in the Allen Theatre at PlayhouseSquare. Tickets range in price from \$39-\$79 each. Students under the age of 25 with a valid ID will be offered a special \$15 ticket price. Tickets are also just \$25 for anyone under age 35, sponsored by *Scene Magazine*. To order single tickets please call 216-241-6000 or visit www.clevelandplayhouse.com

Groups of 10+ save up to 40% off single ticket prices; call 216-400-7027.

Founded in 1915, **Cleveland Play House** is America's first professional regional theatre. Throughout its rich history, Cleveland Play House has remained dedicated to its mission to inspire, stimulate and entertain diverse audiences in Northeast Ohio by producing plays and theatre education programs of the highest professional standards. It has produced more than 100 world and/or American premieres, and over its long history more than 12 million people have attended over 1,300 CPH productions. Cleveland Play House looks toward its centennial while performing in three state-of-the art venues at PlayhouseSquare in downtown Cleveland.

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