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Cider Mill Playhouse Announces Casting for Winter Plays

(Endicott, NY) A strong mix of regional and local talent will grace the stage of the Cider Mill Playhouse (CMP) this winter, in the beloved farce, *Lend Me a Tenor*, by Ken Ludwig and the Victorian thriller, *Angel Street*, by Patrick Hamilton, which is the stage version of the classic, Oscar-winning film, *Gaslight*.

Lend Me a Tenor, which runs January 22 through February 8, will be directed by **Carol Hanscom**. A long-term fixture at CMP, Hanscom recently directed *The Lying Kind* at Binghamton University, where she teaches acting. Carol's husband, **Tom Kremer**, is another long-time favorite at CMP and a Professor of Theatre at BU. In *Tenor*, he is playing the role of Saunders, the harried general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company. Saunders' lovely daughter, Maggie, is played by **Emily Goodell**, fresh from her CMP debut as Cinderella in *Into the Woods*. **Andrew Simek** also made his CMP debut in *Into the Woods* (as Rapunzel's Prince), and is taking on the lead role of Max, assistant to Saunders and boyfriend to Maggie. Veteran actor **Ted Nappi** plays Tito Merelli, a larger-than-life opera star whose unpredictable and volatile nature throws the story into madcap chaos. As Tito's equally dramatic wife, Maria, we have the talented **Maria Manzano-Johnson**, who recently starred at CMP in *One Slight Hitch*. **Dori May Ganisin** returns to CMP as Julia, the delightfully clueless Chair of the Opera Guild. Rounding out the cast are BU theatre students **Zarina Latypova** as the alluring soprano, Diana, and **Brenden Gregory** as the starstruck Bellhop.

Making his CMP directorial debut at the helm of *Angel Street* is **Tim Mollen**. Mollen has acted in more than a dozen CMP shows, including the recent productions of *Spamalot* and *Into the Woods*. He has directed locally for EPAC, Shakespeare in the Park, Half Light Theatre, and the Summer Savoyards. Endicott native **Michael Moon** is traveling from Los Angeles to star as Mr. Manningham, a cunning and cruel man who is methodically driving his wife into madness. New York City-based **Suzanne Kimball** stars as the embattled heroine, Mrs. Manningham. Coming to her assistance is the whip-smart Detective Rough, played by local favorite **Bill Gorman**. Veteran actress **Rona Knobel** returns to play the kindly but proper housekeeper, Elizabeth, and **Anna Simek** makes her CMP debut as the household's coquettish maid, Nancy. *Angel Street* runs March 12 – 29.

Tickets for all Cider Mill Playhouse shows are available at the box office. CALL 607-748-7363, VISIT 2 S. Nanticoke Ave, Endicott, or CLICK www.cidermillplayhouse.org. This 254-seat, cabaret-style playhouse is honored to receive season support from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Broome County Arts Council.

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