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Crowder Theatre Announces Musical Performance

Neosho, MO – The Crowder College Theatre department presents *Lend Me a Tenor* by Ken Ludwig, April 24-26, 2014, 7:30 nightly + 2 p.m. Saturday matinee in the Elsie Plaster Auditorium on the campus in Neosho. Tickets are available at the door as follows: General Admission \$8, Crowder Staff & Students \$4, Senior Citizens & Students (ages 12+) \$5. This production is rated PG - parental guidance suggested.

Lend Me A Tenor is set in September, 1934. Saunders, the general manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, is primed to welcome world famous Tito Morelli, Il Stupendo, the greatest tenor of his generation, to appear for one night only as Otello. The star arrives late and, through a hilarious series of mishaps, is given a double dose of tranquilizers and passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant Max believe he's dead. In a frantic attempt to salvage the evening, Saunders persuades Max to get into Morelli's Otello costume and fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume ready to perform. Now two Otellos are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo. A sensation on Broadway and in London's West End, this madcap, screwball comedy is guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter. Winner! 3 Tony and 4 Drama Desk awards. *A rollercoaster of fun for everybody in the building... a solid, constantly accelerating snowball of a comedy!* - Phoenix News Times *Nonstop laughter.* - Variety *Uproarious! Hysterical!* - USA Today

Directed by Drew Fethers

Cast members include:

- Tito Merelli.....Brandon Hall, Carthage, MO
- Max.....Russell Gonzalez, Purdy, MO
- Saunders.....Zaq Ezell, Neosho, MO
- Bellhop.....Jesse Van da Griff, Carl Junction, MO
- Maria.....NaTasha O'Brien, Jane, MO
- Maggie.....Elly Booth, Fort Scott, KS
- Diana.....Jolene Jenkins, Neosho, MO
- Julia.....Karrin Daugherty, Carthage, MO

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For more information about the production please call 417-455-5470 or my office.