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## **Lifeline Theatre's Hit "*Busman's Honeymoon*" Adds Five Week Extension Through July 26, 2009**

**WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre concludes its 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary MainStage season with the world premiere adaptation of Dorothy L. Sayers' "*Busman's Honeymoon*," adapted by Lifeline ensemble member Frances Limoncelli, and directed by Lifeline ensemble member Paul S. Holmquist. Wedding bells have finally rung for amateur sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey and novelist Harriet Vane. But their quiet, country honeymoon becomes a farce full of eccentric locals, exploding chimneys and even a body found in the wine cellar. This inauspicious beginning begs the question - when life gets in the way, can love persevere? Lifeline ensemble members Peter Greenberg and Jenifer Tyler reprise their roles as Lord Peter Wimsey and Harriet Vane in this sequel to "*Gaudy Night*," which premiered at Lifeline Theatre in 2006. The show runs about two hours with one intermission. On June 8, Lifeline received four Non-Equity Jeff Awards out of 14 nominations.

Lifeline has produced three previous world premiere stage adaptations of Sayers' Wimsey books - "*Gaudy Night*" in 2006, "*Strong Poison*" in 2004, and "*Whose Body?*" in 2002. Limoncelli adapted all three productions, and "*Gaudy Night*," and "*Strong Poison*" garnered Non-Equity Jeff Awards for New Adaptation. Greenberg received an After Dark Award for Outstanding Performance for his portrayal of Wimsey in "*Strong Poison*," and both he and Tyler were nominated for Jeff Awards for their performances in "*Gaudy Night*." Holmquist directed Lifeline's adaptation of "*The Island of Dr. Moreau*," which won five 2008 Non-Equity Jeff Awards, including Best Production-Play.

**WHERE:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60626  
Parking available (street and lot – see below); CTA (Red Line Morse stop/buses)  
Free designated parking lot west of the theatre at the NE corner of Morse and Ravenswood with free shuttle service before and after the show  
Handicapped accessible

**WHEN:** Opened on Monday, May 11, 2009

**UPDATE:** **NEW closing date on Sunday, July 26, 2009**

Runs Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.;  
Sundays at 4 p.m.

NO SHOWS on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

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- TICKETS:** Publish this number – 773-761-4477; HotTix  
\$30 for regular single tickets  
\$20 for seniors  
\$15 for students (with ID), & rush tickets (30 min. before curtain, subject to availability)  
Group rates for 12 and over available upon request.  
Rogers Park Theatre Flex Pass at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/42048](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/42048)
- STAFF:** Ensemble members **Frances Limoncelli** (Adaptor) and **Paul S. Holmquist** (Director), with guest artists **Mary Griswold** (Scenic Design), **Brett Masteller** (Sound Design), **Joanna Melville** (Costume Design), **Seth Reinick** (Lighting Design), **LaRonika Thomas** (Dramaturg), **Jennifer Thusing** (Properties Design), and **Kimberly Percell** (Stage Manager).
- CAST:** Ensemble members **Peter Greenberg** (Lord Peter Wimsey), **James E. Grote** (Mr. Puffet), **Robert Kauzlaric** (Frank Crutchley), **Phil Timberlake** (Bunter), and **Jenifer Tyler** (Harriet Vane), with guest artists **Adam Breske** (Constable Sellon), **Kate Harris** (Miss Twitterton), **Millicent Hurley** (Mrs. Ruddle), **Paul Myers** (Rev. Goodacre), **David Skvarla** (Superintendent Kirk) and **Christopher M. Walsh** (Mr. MacBride).
- UPDATES:** Beginning June 25, Constable Sellon will be played by guest artist **Jonathan Stutzman**; beginning July 9, Mrs. Ruddle will be played by guest artist **Jean Vanier**; and beginning July 18, Mr. MacBride will be played by guest artist **Chris Hainsworth**.
- NEXT:** The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Drama Camp for ages 7-12 runs July 13-24 – registration at 773-761-4477 or [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com)
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival will run August 22-23, 2009, and takes place on 6900 – 7000 North Glenwood Avenue (between Farwell and Lunt), and the 1400 block of Morse Avenue, steps from the Morse Ave stop on the CTA Red Line, with free parking nearby. This popular Northside festival features arts and crafts, theater, music, food and drink for the whole family on the brick streets of historic Rogers Park. More details available at 773-761-4477 x701 and [www.GlenwoodAve.org](http://www.GlenwoodAve.org)
- INFO:** General theatre info, 773-761-4477, [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com)  
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- MISSION:** Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> season, Lifeline Theatre is known for specializing in original literary adaptations. Its ensemble of artists uses imaginative, unconventional staging to portray sprawling stories in an intimate space. Lifeline is committed to promoting the arts in its Rogers Park neighborhood and is an anchor of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District. We aspire to create art that is relevant to our culturally diverse, increasingly youthful neighborhood. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

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