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## LIFELINE THEATRE PRESENTS WHOSE BODY?, THE CLASSIC MYSTERY NOVEL BY DOROTHY L. SAYERS, ADAPTED BY FRANCES LIMONCELLI AND DIRECTED BY JESS HUTCHINSON

## **OPENS SEPTEMBER 16**

Performances with Open Captioning on September 29 and October 25 Performance with Touch Tour and Audio Description on September 28

CHICAGO – **Lifeline Theatre** presents *Whose Body?*, the first production of the 2019-2020 season, September 6 – October 27. Ensemble member Frances Limoncelli, adaptor of 2009's *Busman's Honeymoon* (Non-Equity Jeff Award: New Adaptation), 2006's *Gaudy Night* (Non-Equity Jeff Award: New Adaptation), and 2004's *Strong Poison* (Non-Equity Jeff Awards: New Adaptation), teams up with Jess Hutchinson, director of 2019's *The Man Who Was Thursday*, to re-explore this beloved and charming whodunit for a new generation. When a dead body turns up in a bathtub wearing nothing but a pair of pince-nez, amateur detective Lord Peter Wimsey assigns himself to the case. However, when the mystery becomes labyrinthine he enlists the help of close friend Inspector Parker to follow his only lead, a teaching hospital near the scene of the crime. Could it be a harmless prank by a medical student or something more sinister? Follow the clues and uncover the truth in this beloved 1923 whodunit by Dorothy L. Sayers. The production runs approximately 2 hours with an intermission. The novel will be on sale in the lobby.

**Whose Body?** runs September 6 – October 27 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. (free parking and shuttle; see below). Press opening is Sunday, Sept.15 at 4 p.m. Opening night is Monday, Sept.16 at 7:30 p.m. (Previews are Fridays, September 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, September 7 and 14 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m.).

Regular performance times (September 19 – October 27) are Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m. Ticket prices are \$45 for regular single tickets, \$20 for active and retired military personnel (with ID), \$35 for seniors, \$20 for students (with ID), \$20 for rush tickets (available half hour before show time, subject to availability), and \$20 for previews. Group rate for 12 or more is available upon request. Tickets may be purchased at the Lifeline Theatre Box Office, 773.761.4477, or by visiting <a href="https://www.lifelinetheatre.com">www.lifelinetheatre.com</a>.

<u>Accessible Performances</u>: The Sunday, Sept. 29, 4 p.m. performance and the Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. performances will feature <u>open captioning</u> for patrons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The Saturday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. performance will feature a pre-show <u>touch tour</u> of the set at 2:30 p.m. and live <u>audio description</u> for patrons who are blind or have low vision. For more information about Lifeline's accessibility services, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator Erica Foster at 773.761.4477 x703 or at <u>access@lifelinetheatre.com</u>.

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The complete cast and production team for *Whose Body?* includes:

## CAST:

Lifeline Theatre ensemble member Katie McLean Hainsworth (Duchess of Denver); with guest artists Tony Bozzuto (Dr.Freke/Ensemble), Scott Danielson (Bunter/Dr. Grimbold), John Drea (Mr. Thipps/Inspector Parker), Joshua K. Harris (Sugg/J.P. Milligan/Piggott), William Anthony Sebastian Rose II (Lord Peter Wimsey), and Michaela Voit (Old Mrs. Thipps/Ensemble); with understudies Kyle T. Burch and Evan Cullinan.

## PRODUCTION TEAM:

Lifeline Theatre ensemble members Alan Donahue (Scenic Designer), Diane Fairchild (Lighting Designer), and Frances Limoncelli (Adaptor); with guest artists Sofia Fey (Stage Manager), Morgan Gire (Asst. Stage Manager), Jess Hutchinson (Director), Jennifer McClendon (Production Manager), Caitlin McLeod (Co-Costume Designer), Sam Moryoussef (Master Electrician), Harrison Ornelas (Technical Director), Patrick Runfeldt (Dramaturg), Stefanie Senior (Sound Designer), and Anna Wooden (Co-Costume Designer).

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