

NEWS FROM

THEATREZONE

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Naples, Florida, (February 24, 2006): TheatreZone, located in Naples, has just become Florida's newest professional theater company and has announced the cast for its first production, the Jerry Herman musical "**Mack & Mabel**". Gary Sandy, who television audiences will remember from the TV hit comedy "WKRP in Cincinnati" will star as Mack Sennett, the legendary movie director, who gave the world the "Keystone Cops". The role of Mabel Normand will be played by New York actress Susan Nock.

Larry Goodsight, TheatreZone's managing director said that the pact with Actors' Equity Association, representing professional actors, is a much coveted and important designation. "We are delighted to have completed a successful negotiation with Actors' Equity that assures our audiences in Southwest Florida that they will be enjoying true professional theater productions right here in Naples." TheatreZone has been granted Small Professional Theater status by the actors' union, allowing them to hire professional actors for all of their productions beginning with "**Mack & Mabel**".

Told in flashbacks, this saga of the silent film era relives the exploits of Sennett and Normand, his greatest star. Narrator-protagonist Mack Sennett recalls his triumphs, his turbulent relationship with Mabel and the excitement of creating some of the world's most memorable movies. The show features some of Jerry Herman's most memorable music including "I Won't Send Roses" and "Tap Your Troubles Away" and "Time Heals Everything." Jerry Herman has often said that "**Mack and Mabel**" was his favorite show of all of the ones he has written.

The show is directed by Mark Danni and choreographed by Karen Molnar. Also in the cast is New York actor Kevin O'Connell. Naples area residents in the cast include: Karen Molnar, Robert Nardi, David Goguen, Jane Badger, Kellie Cullinan, Brad Goetz and Dana Cohen.

Performances begin at the G&L Theatre, 13275 Livingston Rd, Naples on March 16th at 8:00pm and continue on the 17th and 18th. There will be a matinee on Sunday March 19th at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$35.00. The theater is located on the campus of the Community School of Naples.

For tickets and information please call TheatreZone at 239/449-2323