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LEADING LADIES by **Ken Ludwig**

The New London Barn Playhouse kicks off its 77th Season as New Hampshire's oldest continuously operating theater with the Regional Premiere of Ken Ludwig's screwball comedy **LEADING LADIES**, opening June 16th. Ludwig, the much loved and award winning playwright of the smash hits *Lend Me A Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*, weaves a tale of love and larceny which has left audiences howling with laughter wherever it's played.

Ludwig sets his play in his hometown of York, Pa., in the 1950s. **LEADING LADIES** tells the story of two British actors so down on their luck that they are doing scenes from Shakespeare at a Moose Lodge in Amish Country. Learning about an old lady looking to leave her fortune to two long lost English nephews, they decide to impersonate them, obtain the fortune and live happily ever after. Problem is that upon arrival they learn that the nephews are really nieces. So out comes the trunk of costumes and the hilarity begins in the tradition of *Some Like It Hot*.

Making his debut at the Barn Playhouse is Malcolm Morrison, noted Director of Shakespeare and former Dean of the Hartt School of Music. Morrison is also right at home with comedy coming straight from directing the hysterical farce, *Noises Off* at the Hartford Stage Company. An all star cast includes two veterans of Northern Stage productions, Gordon Gray and Thom Miller, as the hapless actors with a trunk full of

clothes and a hint of larceny in their heart. Come laugh along as they find love and complications on the way to a happy ending.

LEADING LADIES is generously sponsored by the Millstone Restaurant and the Flying Goose Brew Pub.

LEADING LADIES runs from Tuesday, June 16th through Sunday, June 21st. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Matinee is at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday's performance is at 5:00 p.m. Please call 603-526-4631/6710 or purchase tickets on line at www.nlbarn.org.