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#### Director's Notes

Monte Carlo! The bastion of the jet set, the fairy-tale landscape of a long-ago era, the sun-drenched beaches and colorful fashions, and underneath the glitz and glamor, a certain desperation to live life to the fullest. That is, if one is still alive!

Lucky Stiff is one of the Tony Award-winning team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty's first full-scale efforts. It was the recipient of the esteemed Richard Rodgers Award, with the aim of developing and producing exciting new musical theatre works. This team went on to write such wonderful shows as Ragtime, Once On This Island, Dessa Rose, A Man Of No Importance, My Favorite Year, and Seussical.

We have chosen to present Lucky Stiff in a sort of casino dreams-cape setting, designed by senior Nick Reising, with little basis in realism. The colorful costumes, designed by new faculty member Sandy Childers, derive their inspiration from the 1970's, an era marked both by an excess carried over from the free-wheeling 1960's, and, at the end of the decade, economic austerity. The score, as guided by new faculty member Alan Patrick Kenny, is a patchwork of styles; one can sense the evolution of the progress of Flaherty and Ahrens as they find their voice as evidenced in later works. Alan likes to say that this is their "baby pictures" show.

Lucky Stiff has one foot in farce and the other in situation comedy, and the characters, although at times outlandish and over the top, always operate from a true human perspective. With the wonderful Jeannie Hill as choreographer and co-musical stager, we have stylized the movement and action to reflect the desperation of the individual situations, heightening the inherent ludicrocity. I hope we can recognize ourselves in the antic machinations that will transpire, and that we can feel a bit better about ourselves, knowing that perhaps we wouldn't go THAT FAR in pursuing our dreams.

**Brad Vieth** 

# The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Department of Theatre & Dance

# Presents Lucky Stiff

# Book and Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS Music By STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Based on "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" by Michael Butterworth First Produced by Playwrights Horizons, Inc. Off-Broadway in 1988

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**Scenic Designer**Nicholas T. Reising

# Lucky Stiff

# Cast

Harry Witherspoon	Luke Bradt
Body of Tony Hendon	Cole Witter
Annabel Glick	Emily Lawrence
Rita La Porta	Hanna Gaffney
Vincent Di Ruzzio	Erik Schneider
Luigi Gaudi/Voice of Tony Hendon/Arab	Blake Abram
Lorry Driver/Solicitor/Prosperous Man/Clothing Salesman/Emcee/Croupier/Nun/Texan	Bryce Dutton
Telegram Boy/Punk/Mr. Loomis/Waiter/Bellhop/ Gambler/Leper	Jake Konrath
Landlady/Secretary/Nurse/Southern Lady/ Dancing Roulette Wheel/Drunken Maid	Katie Bates
Spinster/Southern Lady/Dancing Portrait Dominique Du Monaco	Elise Lueneburg

#### The Orchestra

Piano/Conductor	Alan Patrick Kenny*
Flute/Piccolo	Victoria Louis
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/Alto Saxophone	Katherine VanValen
Trumpet	Alex Shuffield
Bass	Samuel Gehrke
Drums/Percussion	Matthew Rhyner

# Acknowledgements

Department of Music: Monica Anderson, Brendan Caldwell, Sean Connors and David Story

#### **Musical Numbers**

#### Act I

Something Funny's Going OnCompany
Mr. Witherspoon's Friday NightHarry, Landlady and Boarders
Rita's Confession
Good to Be AliveHarry, Luigi and Train Passengers
Lucky
Dogs Versus YouAnnabel and Harry
The Phone CallVinnie
Day Around Town DanceCompany
Monte CarloEmcee
Speaking FrenchDominique, Harry and Club Patrons
Times Like ThisAnnabel
Fancy Meeting You HereRita
FinaleCompany
INTERMISSION
Act II
Something Funny's Going On (reprise)Company
Him, Them, It, Her?Company
NiceAnnabel & Harry
Welcome Back, Mr. WitherspoonCompany
A Woman In My BathroomHarry
Confession #2Tony, Rita, Harry and Annabel
FinaleCompany

### **Production Staff**

Assistant DirectorAbbey Immer
Assistant Stage ManagerEmily Kaufman, Jenna Ventura-Butzler
Assistant Costume DesignerAmanda Martin
Assistant Lighting DesignerCody Bussian, Ashley Stock
Assistant Scenic DesignerEmily Lotz
Scenic ArtistJessica Wink
Properties TechniciansEthan Rosing
Costume Run CrewNikki Darga, Korinne Griffith, Courtney Milkent Sarah E. Nelson, Lindsey Paquette, Kelsey Yudice, Cherith Zanghi
Deck Run CrewBlair Bowman, Matthew Conley, Rachel Flahive Grace Kibira, Talia Newton, Michael Schmidt, Joe Tufte
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#### Meet the Company

- **Abram, Blake** (Luigi Gaudi/Voice of Tony Hendon/Arab) Freshman BFA Acting major from White Bear Lake, MN.
- Bates, Katie (Landlady/Secretary/Nurse/Southern Lady/Dancing Roulette Wheel/Drunken Maid) Senior BFA Musical Theatre major from Mequon, WI. Recipient of the Backstage Musical Theatre Scholarship.
- **Bradt, Luke** (*Harry Witherspoon*) Junior BFA Musical Theatre major from Maplewood, MN.
- **Bussian, Cody** (Assistant Lighting Designer) Freshman BFA Design Technology major from Waupaca, WI. Recipient of the Incoming Freshman in Design Technology Scholarship.
- **Dutton, Bryce** (Lorry Driver/Solicitor/Properous Man/Clothing Salesman/ Emcee/Croupier/Nun/Texan) Sophomore BFA Musical Theatre major from Detroit Lakes, MN. Recipient of the Incoming Freshman in Musical Theatre Scholarship.
- **Gaffney, Hanna** (*Rita La Porta*) Junior BFA Acting major from Oconomowoc, WI.
- **Gehrke, Samuel** (*Bass*) Sophomore BM Music Education and Jazz Studies major from Milwaukee, WI.
- **Groves, Courtney** (House Manager) Senior BFA Musical Theatre major from Coon Rapids, MN.
- Immer, Abbey (Assistant Director) Sophomore BFA Musical Theatre major from Fargo, ND. Recipient of the Anne Gilfry Schierl Incoming Freshman in Musical Theatre Scholarship.
- **Kaufman, Emily** (Assistant Stage Manager) Junior BFA Design Technology major from Baraboo, WI.
- **Konrath, Jake** (Telegram Boy/Punk/Mr. Loomis/ Waiter/Bellhop/Gambler/ Leper) Freshman BFA Acting major from Waukesha, WI.
- **Kraus, Hayden** (Stage Manager) Sophomore BFA Design Technology major from Menasha, WI.

#### Meet the Company

- **Lawrence, Emily** (Annabel Glick) Senior BFA Musical Theatre major from Maplewood, MN. Recipient of the Neale Alumni Scholarship and the Backstage Musical Theatre Scholarship.
- **Lotz, Emily** (Assistant Scenic Charge) Sophomore BFA Design Technology major from Glendale, WI.
- **Louis, Victoria** (*Flute/Piccolo*) Senior BM Music Performance major from Custer, WI.
- **Lueneburg, Elise** (Spinster/Southern Lady/Dancing Portrait/Dominique Du Monaco) Junior BFA Musical Theatre major from Brookfield, WI.
- Martin, Amanda (Makeup/Hair Designer, Assistant Costume Designer)
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- **Schlefke, Megan** (House Manager) Sophomore BA Arts Management major from West Bend, WI.
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- Shuffield, Alex (Trumpet) Junior BM Music Education major from Sparta, WI. Recipient of the Dorothy Vetter Brass Scholarship, Sentry Insurance Outstanding Freshman Scholarship, Music Department Scholarship and the Soirée Musicale Scholarship.

#### Meet the Company (continued)

- **St. Martin, Lee** (House Manager) Sophomore BA Drama Major and Music minor from Stevens Point, WI.
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- VanValen, Katherine (Clarinet/Bass Clarinet/Alto Saxophone) Senior BM Music major from Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Recipient of the Wind Band Music Service Award and the Delta Omicron Musicianship Award.
- **Ventura-Butzler, Jenna** (Assistant Stage Manager) Senior BFA Design Technology major from Beloit, WI.
- **Wink, Jessica** (Scenic Artist) Freshman BFA Design Technology major from Green Bay, WI.
- **Witter, Cole** (Body of Tony Hendon) Sophomore BFA Acting major from Hector, MN.
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