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## Lifeline Theatre's Hit "Gaudy Night" at Chicago's Theatre on the Lake June 27–July 1, 2007

**WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre presents the re-mount of the audience- and critically-acclaimed adaptation of Dorothy L. Sayers' "**Gaudy Night**," originally the closer to the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary MainStage season, at Chicago's Theatre on the Lake, adapted by Lifeline ensemble member Frances Limoncelli and directed by Lifeline Artistic Director Dorothy Milne ("**Gaudy Night**" is the third Sayers mystery co-created by this team). "**Gaudy Night**" just received seven Jefferson nominations, including nods for adaptation, direction, production, and for actors Jenifer Tyler and Peter Greenberg.

Harriet Vane tries to escape the complications of her relationship with Lord Peter Wimsey by returning to her Oxford roots. Her peaceful retreat becomes a nightmare as a vandal with a grudge threatens the college, its residents and finally, Harriet's life. And where is Lord Peter now that she really needs him? Lifeline ensemble members Peter Greenberg and Jenifer Tyler return to their roles to continue the romance between aristocratic sleuth Wimsey and the independent-minded Vane. The show runs approximately two and a half hours with one intermission.

Lifeline produced Sayers' "*Whose Body?*" in 2002 and "*Strong Poison*" in 2004; the latter winning a Jeff Citation for Best Adaptation and After Dark Awards for Peter Greenberg's portrayal of Lord Peter Wimsey and Tom Burch's scenic design.

**WHERE:** Theatre on the Lake, 2400 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL  
Pay lot, \$10 at the corner of Cannon and Fullerton  
Accessible by city bus (Sheridan-151)

**WHEN:** Opens June 27, 2007  
Closes July 1, 2007  
Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

**TICKETS:** Call 312-742-7994 – all tickets \$15

**STAFF:** Lifeline ensemble members **Frances Limoncelli** (Adaptor), **Dorothy Milne** (Director), **Kevin D. Gawley** (Lighting Design) and **Victoria Delorio** (Sound Design) are joined by **Jackie and Richard Penrod** (Scenic Design), **Lindsey Pate** (Costume Design), **Mary O'Dowd** (Props Design), **Geoff Coates** (Fight Choreography), **Phil Timberlake** (Dialect Coach), **Laronika Thomas** (Dramaturg) and **Stephanie Hurovitz** (Stage Manager).

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**CAST:** Lifeline ensemble members **Jenifer Tyler** (Harriet Vane) and **Peter Greenberg** (Lord Peter Wimsey) with guest artists **Cathleen Bentley** (Annie Wilson, Miss Newland), **Kate Hildreth** (Mrs. Goodwin, Carrie), **Christina Irwin** (Miss de Vine), **Lawrence Kern** (Viscount Saint-George, others), **Melinda Moonahan** (the Dean), **Mary O’Dowd** (Miss Hillyard), and **Jan Sodaro** (Miss Lydgate).

**ALSO LIST:** **“Gaudy Night”** will also be performed for one night only at Wheaton College’s Dorothy L. Sayers Convention on June 16, 2007, 7 p.m., at Barrows Auditorium, 500 College Ave., Wheaton, IL, [www.wheaton.edu/wadecenter](http://www.wheaton.edu/wadecenter) Tickets are \$15 at the door. Adaptor Frances Limoncelli will give a talk for conventioners on adapting Sayers for the stage that same day from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*“Next Communities,”* a play created by 16 community members from Rogers Park and Evanston with playwright Ebony Joy and director Julie Ganey of Next Theatre, performed by non-actors about neighborhood issues such as housing, gentrification, affordability and development in this part of Chicago, will be presented at Lifeline Theatre on Sunday, May 20, 2007, 2 p.m. – performances are free, and include a post-show discussion. Further information is available at 847-475-1875.

**NEXT:** KidsOnStage summer drama camp, July 16-26, 2007, for ages 6-12, call 773-761-4477 to register.

Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival, **FREE**, August 25 and 26, 2007, 12 noon to 8 p.m., on Glenwood Avenue, 6900 – 7000 North (between Farwell and Lunt) and the 1400 block of Morse Avenue, steps from the Morse Ave stop on the CTA Red Line, free parking nearby. Featuring arts and crafts, theater, music, food and drink for the whole family on the cobblestone streets of historic Rogers Park. Info at 773-262-3790 and [www.rogerspark.com](http://www.rogerspark.com)

**INFO:** General theatre info, 773-761-4477, [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com)  
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**MISSION:** Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season, Lifeline Theatre and its artistic ensemble of writers, directors, designers and performers collaboratively develop literary adaptations and original theater. Lifeline’s innovative artistic and education programs for adults, children and families bring engaging and reflective stories to life.

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