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# Press Release

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## SWORD FIGHTS AND SLAPSTICK ON STAGE AT THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

IVORYTON, CT: On July 16, the Ivoryton Playhouse will open the second of their summer shows. *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig is a madcap farce – a zany look at life and love in the theatre. The show opened on Broadway in October 1995 and closed in June, 1996. The original cast included Philip Bosco and Carol Burnett.

The show is set in 1953, the end of an era. Touring classical repertory is no longer in fashion for a multiplicity of reasons. The road shows that draw now are large musicals preferably with star names. But Charlotte and George Hay still carry on – despite the dwindling audiences and their inappropriate roles as young lovers. Their motley company and crew are in Buffalo, NY for the summer presenting *Private Lives* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*. What ensues is a breathtaking farce filled with twists and turns, collisions and mistaken identities, miscommunications and slapstick antics, terrifying swordplay and a set with six doors!

***Moon Over Buffalo*** is directed by Matthew Pugliese, a graduate of the University of Connecticut whose past credits at the Playhouse include *Shakespeare's R & J*. The real life husband and wife team of Laurie Dawn\* and Buzz Roddy\* will play George and

Charlotte Hay. The set is designed by Michael Meister with a lighting design by Tate Burmeister and costumes by Pam Puente.

**Moon Over Buffalo** opens on July 16 and runs thru August 3 for 3 weeks.

Performance times are Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Evening

performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday at 8pm.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students and \$15 for children and are available by calling the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318. (Group rates are available by calling the box office for information.) The Playhouse is located at 103 Main Street in Ivoryton.

*Pictured: Buzz Roddy\*, Daisy Schmidt, Laurie Dawn\**

*Picture by Jacqui Hubbard*

*Members of the press are welcome at any performance.*

*Please call ahead for tickets.*

*\*member of Actors Equity*

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