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Rabbi David Baron and the Temple of the Arts proudly launch the new Temple Arts Company with The Last Night of Ballyhoo



At the Wilshire Theatre Friday, November 16, 2007

Rabbi David Baron and the Temple of the Arts proudly present a One Night Only staged reading of *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* written by Pulitzer Prize Winner **Alfred Uhry** with music from *Gone With the Wind* by **Max Steiner**. This Benefit Performance on Friday, November 16⁵ 2007 at 8 pm is to launch the newly organized Temple Arts Company.

Rabbi David Baron is a nationally renowned spiritual leader who pioneered the fusion of religion and the arts. With this newest program, the Temple Arts Company is dedicated to professional productions of music, dance and theatre.

Written by Alfred Uhry, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* won the Tony Award for Best Play 1997. *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* explores the lives of Jewish southerners; a society introduced by Uhry to the American theatre-going public, with his Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Driving Miss Daisy*. This enchanting, bittersweet comedy tells the story about anti-Semitism and disassociated Jews trying to assimilate into the culture of being Southerners first. The comedy/drama is set in the upper class German-Jewish society of Atlanta, Georgia in December 1939, on the eve of the premiere of *Gone With the Wind*.

The staged reading is directed by the award winning **Jules Aaron** with a well seasoned cast featuring Stephen Macht, Heather Tom, Julie Cobb, Norma J. Morrow, Rosemary Morgan, David Tom and Ethan Kogan.

Veteran actor **Stephen Macht** will appear as Adolph Freitag. Macht spent three seasons (1985-88) in the recurring role of David Keeler, love interest to Det. Chris Cagney (Sharon Gless), on Cagney and Lacey (CBS). During his run on the show, he moved behind the cameras to make his directorial debut and also is recognized for starring in Star Trek and Knott's Landing. Macht's television, film and stage credits are extensive including David E. Kelly's series The Practice, Boston Public, and The Wedding Bells. He is currently starring as the arch villain Trevor Lansing on General Hospital. Two-time Emmy Award winner **Heather Tom** will appear as Sunny Feitag. Ms. Tom is currently starring in The Bold and the Beautiful with past starring roles on One Life to Live and All My Children. Julie Cobb, television and stage actress and the daughter of Lee J. Cobb will appear as Boo, the part originated on Broadway by Dana Ivey. Cobb is a winner of the LA Drama Critics Award and was a series regular on CBS sitcom Charles in Charge. Norma J. Morrow received prior critical acclaim in the role of Reba Freitag in a 2002 performance of Ballyhoo at the El Portal Theatre costarring Fred Savage. (Daily Variety and LA Times Critics Choice). Her most recent stage roles include Light Up the Sky (2006) and Friends Like These (2007) both directed by Christopher Hart and costarring Donna Mills at the Mammoth Theatre Festival. Rosemary Morgan will appear as Lala Levy--she has performed in theatre, television and film since early childhood. She is the daughter of Julie Cobb and the granddaughter of Lee J. Cobb and Harry Morgan. Emmy Award winner David Tom will be seen in the role of Peachy Weil is well known for many roles including the soap opera One Life to Live. Tom was voted Outstanding Male Newcomer by Soap Opera Digest - His twin sister Nicholle Tom and sister Heather Tom are both well-known television actors. Ethan Kogan will appear as Joe Farkas. He costarred on Nip and Tuck and is a member of Tim Robbin's Actors Gang where he has appeared in many acclaimed roles.

Ticket prices are: VIP Seats/Gala \$75-\$100 - Orchestra Seats \$25-\$40.

The post production Gala will be held in the lobbies of the historic Wilshire Theatre. Temple Arts Company is located at the Wilshire Theatre 8440 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211

For Tickets and Information Please Call 310-271-0892 or E Mail: **Temartsco@aol.com**

Calendar

The Last Night of Ballyhoo

Written by Alfred Uhry

Production Staff:

Esther Adir - Executive Director - Temple of the Arts

Norma J. Morrow, Producing Artistic Director –Temple Arts Company Barbara Haber, Executive Producer – Temple Arts Company

When: Friday November 16, 2007 8pm

Cast:

Stephen Macht........ Adolph Freitag
Julie Cobb....... Boo Levy
Norma J. Morrow..... Reba Freitag
Rosemary Morgan.....Lala Levy
Heather TomSunny Freitag
Ethan Kogan...... Joe Farkas
David Tom....... Peachy Weil

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Orchestra Seats \$25-\$40

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