

"GAUDY NIGHT" Fact Sheet **Crime Novelist Sara Paretsky at 7/9/06 Talkback**

- WHAT:** Lifeline Theatre concludes its 23rd anniversary MainStage season by presenting the world premiere adaptation of **GAUDY NIGHT** by **Dorothy L. Sayers**, adapted by Lifeline ensemble member **Frances Limoncelli** and directed by Lifeline Artistic Director **Dorothy Milne** (**GAUDY NIGHT** is the third Sayers mystery this team has brought to the Lifeline stage).
- 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. 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 Birch's scenic design. The show runs approximately two and a half hours with one intermission.
- WHERE:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626
Parking available (street & lot – see below); CTA accessible (Red Line Morse stop and busses)
Free lot parking until midnight three blocks north of the theatre in the Trilogy lot (Estes & Glenwood); free shuttle rides to and from the parking lot 45 minutes before the show and immediately afterwards.
- WHEN:** Press Opening on Friday, June 2, 2006, at 7:30 PM (press also invited to 6/1, 7:30 PM preview)
Previews on Fridays 5/19 & 5/26 at 7:30 PM; Saturdays 5/20 & 5/27 at 8 PM (no 4 PM Saturday matinees during previews); Sundays 5/21 & 5/28 at 5:30 PM, and Wednesday 5/31 at 7:30 PM.
The show runs Fridays at 7:30 PM, Saturdays at 4 and 8 PM, Sundays at 5:30 PM through July 30, 2006
The 5/31 preview is also an industry show (free with resume/headshot/card)
Post-show talkback following Sunday, 7/9, 5:30 PM show features Chicago native/resident and Dorothy L. Sayers fan **Sara Paretsky**, renowned crime novelist (creator of the V.I. Warshawski detective series), along with adapter Limoncelli and director Milne. **This event is sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council.**
- TICKETS:** 773.761.4477 [this is the number for the public to call]
\$24 for Fridays, Saturday 4 PM matinees, and Sundays; \$26 for Saturday 8 PM shows
\$20 for seniors; \$14 for students (with valid ID) for all shows
\$14 for previews and for rush tickets (half hour before the show, subject to availability)
Group rates for 12 and over available upon request.
- STAFF:** Lifeline ensemble members **Frances Limoncelli** (Adaptor), **Dorothy Milne** (Director), **Kevin Gawley** (Lighting Design) and **Victoria Delorio** (Sound Design) are joined by **Jackie and Richard Penrod** (Scenic Design), **Lindsey Pate** (Costume Design), **Justin Barisonek** (Props Design), **Geoff Coates** (Fight Choreography), **Laronika Thomas** (Dramaturg) and **Stephanie Hurovitz** (Stage Manager).
- CAST:** Lifeline ensemble members **Jenifer Tyler** (Harriet Vane), **Peter Greenberg** (Lord Peter Wimsey) and **Elise Kauzlaric** (Annie Wilson, Miss Newland), with guest artists **Melinda Moonahan** (the Dean), **Jan Sodaro** (Miss Lydgate), **Mary O'Dowd** (Miss Hillyard, Carrie), **Katie McLean** (Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Cattermole) and **Christina Irwin** (Miss de Vine).
- NEXT:** Lifeline co-presents the Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest, 8/26-27/06, 6900-7010 N. Glenwood (west side of the Red Line). KidFest area in front of Lifeline offers entertainment and hands-on arts activities for kids.
- INFO:** General theatre info - 773.761.4477, www.lifelinetheatre.com
Theatre marketing info - Frances Limoncelli, 773.761.1772, frances@lifelinetheatre.com
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- MISSION:** Now in its 23rd 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.
- MEDIA:** Tree Falls Productions, 773.856.6767 [do not publish; for media ONLY to call], kmckie@msn.com
Media passes, photographs, interviews and additional materials available.

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