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**99TH STREET SUMMER THEATRE FESTIVAL
GEARS UP FOR ITS 32ND SEASON WITH
“KISS ME KATE” AND “ANYTHING GOES”**

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will present two Cole Porter classic musicals during their upcoming season. “Kiss Me Kate” will be presented on Thursday, July 8, Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m. “Anything Goes” will be presented on Thursday, July 22, Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m. All shows will be performed in the Mother McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival has been a hub for theatre activity on the Southside of Chicago for 32 years.

“Kiss Me Kate” is the story of a group of actors who are presenting a musical version of Shakespeare’s “Taming of the Shrew” while “Anything Goes” is a madcap comedy set in the 1930’s on a luxury cruise. The two shows are just a few of the many wonderful shows that Cole Porter wrote in his lifetime. Porter was known for his witty lyrics and sophisticated and beautiful melodies.

Leading the cast of “Kiss Me Kate” is Billy Vitucci as Fred/Petruchio and Erin Haynes as Lilli/Kate. In the role of Bill/Lucentio is Don Fitzgibbons with Sarah Sapperstein as Lois/Biana. Other cast members include Margaret Hayes and Andy Lambros as the Gangsters, Ron Buscemi as Pops, Anitra Hutcherson as Hattie, Kim Brines as the Wardrobe Lady, Matt Slomka as Harry Trevor/Baptista, Tony Levine as General Howell, Pete Grundas as Lucentio, Alonso Chavarria as Hortensio, Ian McCafferty as the Stage Manager, Tim Jones as Paul, and an ensemble that includes

Natalie Sabbath, Michelle Nachay, Rebecca Seweryn, Megan Waters, Tatianna Ingram, Sarah Menke, Jamie DePaolo, Mary Kelly, Amara Brady, Niki Pacente, Carlita Kelly, Cerita Kelly, Meggan Sepper, Cera Chavez, Hannah Gibbs, Claire Ryan, Ashleigh Cortes, Mary Joan Evans, Jamie Grundas, Dyamone Hopkins, Jeff Leon, Peter Moser, Trevor Krueger, Noah Pligge, and Joe Roccasalva.

The “Anything Goes” cast features Hannah Hayes as Reno Sweeney, Noah Pligge as Billy Crocker, Jenn Roney as Hope Harcourt, Julie Schuberth as Mrs. Harcourt, Cy Watson as Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, Andy Lambros as Eli Whitney, and a large cast of singers and dancers.

Both shows are directed by Patricia Haynes with choreography by Michael Gutrich. Musical Directors for the shows are Stacy Cunningham, Rose DeSantis, and Patrick Mooney.

Tickets to “Kiss Me Kate” and “Anything Goes” (\$16 adults, \$14 senior citizens, \$12 children) may be purchased by phone at 773-881-6512 with a Visa or MasterCard or in person at the Mother McAuley Auditorium. For information on individual or group ticket sales call 773-881-6512.

Rounding out the Festival’s season will be The 99th Street Summer Theatre Kids Kamp productions on July 9 and 10 of “Cinderella” at 10:30 a.m. and “Alice in Wonderland” at Noon.