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**LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS BIG-SCREEN-COMEDY-TURNED-  
BROADWAY-MUSICAL DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS**

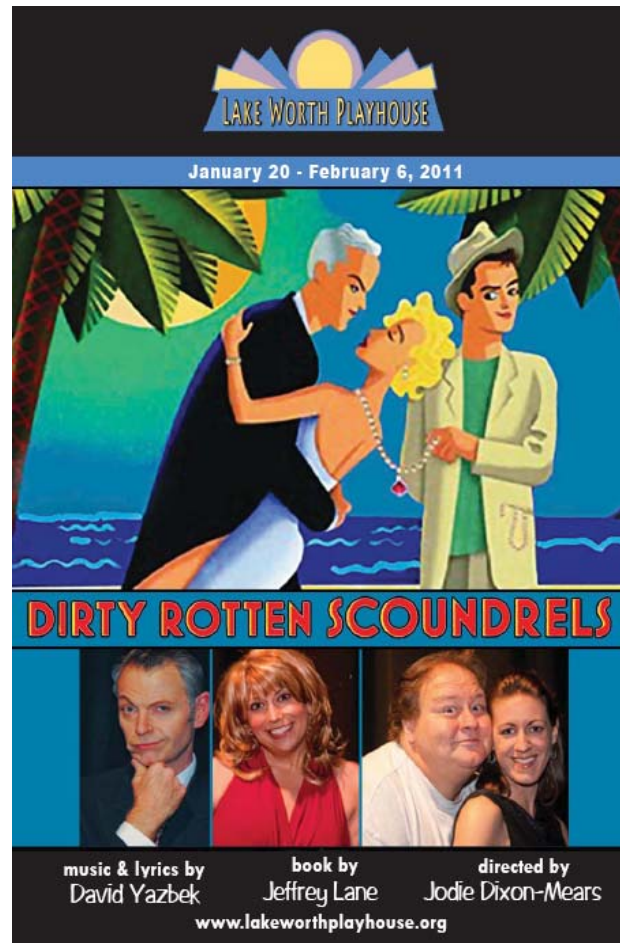
**LAKE WORTH, Florida (December 30, 2010)**

The Lake Worth Playhouse continues its 58<sup>th</sup> season with the modern madcap musical comedy, **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS**. The production features a cast of Playhouse favorites mixed with new talent from throughout South Florida. Performances run from January 21 through February 6 2011 – with a Preview Night performance on January 20 – on the stage of the Lake Worth Playhouse located at 713 Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth.

Based on the popular 1988 MGM film directed by Frank Oz and starring Steve Martin, Michael Caine and Glenna Headly, **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** is a witty musical that tells the story of two con men living on the French Riviera. One is the suave and sophisticated Lawrence Jameson who makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their fortunes. The other is a small-time crook, Freddy Benson, who swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories of his grandmother's failing health. After meeting on a train, they unsuccessfully attempt to work together only to find that the small French town isn't big enough for the two of them.

**DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** had its world premiere in California at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre on September 22, 2004 before moving to

Broadway in January 2005. The show officially opened on Broadway in March 2005 at the Imperial Theatre and ran for a total of 626 performances, closing on September 3, 2006. The production was directed by Jack O'Brien, and the cast included John Lithgow, Norbert Leo Butz and Joanna Gleason. The show was awarded 11 Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical, as well as glowing reviews from the critics. The New York Post's Clive Barnes called it "A knockout punch to Broadway's funnybone! One of the liveliest, funniest, best-performed musicals in years. Super-smart and superior in every way."



**DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** features the music and lyrics of David Yazbek (*The Full Monty*), a book by Jeffrey Lane and orchestrations by Harold Wheeler.

The Playhouse production of **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** is directed by Playhouse artistic director, Jodie Dixon-Mears, with choreography by Playhouse choreographer/dance instructor, Ricky Nahas, who recently co-directed and choreographed the highly acclaimed summer 2010 production of **RENT** and choreographed the Lake Worth Playhouse 2010-2011 season opener, **GUYS AND DOLLS**. The 20-member cast of **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS** includes Playhouse mainstays **Tom Cooch** as Lawrence Jameson, **John Costanzo** as Andre and **Cindy Thompson** as Christina Colgate, with **Gina Nespoli** in the role of the hometown western princess, Jolene. Newcomer **Taylor Rivera** plays small-town swindler, Freddy Benson.

#### **SCHEDULE**

- **Preview Night** is Thursday, January 20 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Opening Night** is Friday, January 21 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Evening Performances** are on January 22, 27, 28, 29 and February 3, 4 and 5 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Matinee Performances** are on January 22, 23, 29, 30 and February 5 and 6 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Dinner & Show Night** is January 20 and includes a 6:00 p.m. pre-show dinner at Paradiso Italian Restaurant in downtown Lake Worth prior to the 8:00 p.m. performance. The all-inclusive dinner/show package price is \$50 and includes a three-course meal plus premium seats for the preview performance.

#### **TICKETS**

- **Individual** show tickets are \$25 and \$29 for opening night and all regular performances.
- **Preview Performance** tickets are \$22 and \$25.
- **Opening Night VIP** tickets are \$36 and include a pre-show reception.
- **Dinner & Show** tickets are \$50 and include a pre-show three-course dinner.
- **Subscriptions** for Season 2010-2011 are also available.

All tickets and subscriptions can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at [lakeworthplayhouse.org](http://lakeworthplayhouse.org).

#### **ABOUT LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE**

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The Lake Worth Playhouse 58th season continues with **Biloxi Blues** (March 4-20, 2011) and **Annie** (April 15 – May 1).

#### **LOCATION**

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lighted parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.