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MSU Riley Center Announces Local Actors Selected for *Tony & Tina's Wedding* Cast

***Unique Interactive Dinner Theater Experience Represents Longest Running Off Broadway
Production and Features Professional NY Cast and Director***

Meridian, MS—The Mississippi State University Riley Center for Education and Performing Arts is pleased to announce local cast members selected to perform alongside professional New York actors as part of *Tony & Tina's Wedding*, an Off Broadway interactive dinner theater production to take place Wednesday, June 4 through Sunday, June 8, 2008. Area actors and novices alike showed up during two days of auditions at the MSU Riley Center this past weekend to try their hand at various character roles in front of *Tony & Tina's* New York director, Anthony Patellis. The director was pleased to come away with a strong cast of character actors to fill out the wedding party of the famed Off Broadway sensation, *Tony & Tina's Wedding*, which travels the country with four principal New York actors and cast other wedding party members via the local communities it tours. Below is a complete list of area locals selected to perform in the show.

Markii Bout
Adam Brooks
Chuck Calvert
Sara Carmichael
Sidney Covington
Daniel Ethridge
Bennie Jean "B.J." Fortenberry
Kris Gianakos
Collin Geudon
Edward Geudon
E.A. Herron
Tim Hester
Joseph Johnson
Sara-Claire Lightsey
Zena Limerick
Steve Nabors
Derek Pouncey
Jeremy Sande
Lisa Temple
Elizabeth Thomas
Tori Trahan
Rick Willams
Sissy Williams

Patrons who attend this show will be treated as the guest to the wedding, attending the ceremony in the center's studio theater followed by the reception in the exhibit hall, where they will toast the wedding couple, enjoy an authentic Italian buffet dinner, and dance, all while enjoying the performance that goes on around them. The MSU Riley Center would like to extend a special thank you to local sponsors who are assisting with production of the show: Bridget's, Freddie's Fine Spirits, Joyce's Etc., Meridian Little Theater, Nick & Al's, Perfection Cleaners.

"We are most appreciative of our sponsors as well as the cast members who are dedicating their time and talents to this production. We know that this is going to be one of the best and most unique performances we've presented to date. The cast members all seem genuinely honored to have been selected and are excited to work with the NY director and principal actors," said Penny Kemp, marketing director of MSU Riley Center.

Tickets may be purchased by calling or visiting the MSU Riley Center box office.

MSU Riley Center Box Office

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Meridian, MS 39301

www.msurileycenter.com

601-696-2200

Box office hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 6 pm

Tickets: \$65 per person (includes dinner and performance)

Show schedule:

Wed., June 4 Show: 7 pm Doors open: 6 pm

Thurs., June 5 Show: 7 pm Doors open: 6 pm

Fri., June 6 Show: 7 pm Doors open: 6 pm

Sat., June 7 Show: 1 pm Doors open: 12 pm
Show: 7 pm Doors open: 6 pm

Sun., June 8 Show: 4 pm Doors open: 3 pm

For more information about the show, visit www.tonylovestina.com or www.msurileycenter.com.

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