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Actors Theatre of Indiana Offers Family Fun and Hilarity for the Holidays with *Forever Plaid*

Actors Theatre of Indiana is Indiana's newest non-profit professional theatre company founded by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell and Judy Fitzgerald. This group of three New York City professionally trained actor-singer-dancers recently relocated to Central Indiana and have formed the ACTORS THEATRE OF INDIANA. ATI will offer their third production of FOREVER PLAID at the Zionsville Performing Arts Center.

ZIONSVILLE, IN December 21 - 30, 2005 -- Actors Theatre of Indiana, Indiana's newest professional equity theatre company, presents its third production and the 2005 season finale with the heavenly musical hit **FOREVER PLAID!**

The famously deceased singing group, The Plaids, will be making a once in an after-lifetime stand on the Zionsville Performing Arts Center's stage for the holidays. The uproarious musical comedy, **Forever Plaid**, rolls on to the Zionsville PAC stage to delight family audiences beginning December 21.

Forever Plaid, written and originally directed and choreographed by **Stuart Ross** has become an American stage institution by blending laugh-out-loud hilarity with magnificent performances of 50's pop classics, including *Sixteen Tons*, *Three Coins in the Fountain*, *Catch A Falling Star*, *Rags To Riches*, *Heart and Soul* and many more.

The story of The Plaids is the stuff legends are made of. Poised on the verge of the big-time, The Plaids—otherwise known as Smudge, Jinx, Frankie and Sparky—were on their way to the first big concert. Unfortunately, their car had a one-sided encounter with a bus full of parochial school girls on their way to watch the Lads From Liverpool perform on the Ed Sullivan show.

That would have been all she wrote for any lesser act. But The Plaids weren't about to let a little thing like death stand in their way. They wrangled a special dispensation, along with a little help from some holes in the ozone layer and astro-technical stuff, that has allowed The Plaids to return to earth, perform the show they never got to do in life and finish what they began. Now they're here with their shoes shined and their harmonies sounding better than ever—all ready to delight Central Indiana audiences for the holidays.

Actors Theatre of Indiana's production of *Forever Plaid* will be directed and choreographed by **Don Farrell** whose directing credits include Off-Broadway, National Tour, Regional and Educational. Mr. Farrell has the additional privilege of having worked closely with director Stuart Ross and has the distinction of being the only director given permission to direct *Forever Plaid* within New York City since the Off-Broadway closing at Steve McGraw's in 1995. His portrayal of the role of Sparky in productions of *Forever Plaid* have received critical acclaim all across the nation and he was asked to finish out the run of the ever-popular production at the Flamingo Las Vegas after a record-breaking run of over six years.

The play opens Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 PM and runs through December 30, 2005: Tues. 7:30 PM, Wed. 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM, Thurs. 7:30 PM, Fri. 2:30 PM & 8:00 PM. Performances will be held at the Zionsville Performing Arts Center, 1000 Mulberry Street, Zionsville, IN 46077. Tickets are \$27 - \$30, with special discounts for students, seniors, and groups of 20 or more and may be purchased by either calling the Box Office at 317-669-7983 or online at www.actors theatreofindiana.org.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana:

Actors Theatre of Indiana is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization who strives to advance theatre as an art form by dedicating itself to the preservation and advancement of theatre and musical theatre alike by providing unfettered creative opportunities for the leading artists of today and tomorrow while providing theatre guidance and Musical Theater training to young artists in the process.

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