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NKU Theatre & Dance Announces the 27th Season of Summer Dinner Theatre

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY – Northern Kentucky University's Department of Theatre & Dance will present two musicals for this year's 27th Summer Dinner Theatre Season. The first production, *Man of La Mancha*, with book by Dale Wasserman, music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion, will also be presented at the Sibiu International Theatre Festival in Romania. The second show, *She Loves Me*, with book by Joe Masteroff, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick and music by Jerry Bock, is a warm-hearted comedy based on the same material as the popular movie *You've Got Mail*.

Man of La Mancha, based on the celebrated Cervantes novel *Don Quixote*, is a truly universal musical theatre classic that follows the story of Cervantes as he is imprisoned during the Spanish Inquisition. Threatened by the other prisoners, he saves himself by engaging them in the adventures of his unlikely hero, Don Quixote, making them the players who inhabit the story and bring it to life. This innovative, minimalistic production conjures the dual worlds of Cervantes and Quixote through words, music, movement, and acts of imagination. Quixote's story finds new resonance in a contemporary world, heroically and passionately challenging us to dream the "Impossible Dream," to fight for justice, and to quest after ideals regardless of the personal cost. *Man of La Mancha* will run Wednesday, June 13 through Sunday, July 1.

She Loves Me is the endearing story of two clerks continually at odds with one another in a 1930s parfumerie, and the eccentric coworkers who aid and abet them. Georg and Amalia find solace in their anonymous romantic pen pals, not knowing that they are actually writing to one another! By turns funny, smart, honest and sentimental, *She Loves Me* features the show-stopping "Ice Cream," "Twelve Days to Christmas" and the popular title tune, all from the same songwriting team as *Fiddler on the Roof*. *She Loves Me* will run Wednesday, July 11 through Sunday, July 29.

Buffet-style dinner service begins at 6:30pm Tuesday through Saturday, with performances following at 8:00pm. On Sundays, dinner begins at 5:00pm with performances following at 6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale by **mail order only** in late April. Those wishing to be added to the NKU Theatre & Dance mailing list in order to receive the brochure/order form should contact the NKU Fine Arts Box Office by phone at 859-572-5464 or send an email to boxoffice@nku.edu. Phone and walk-up orders will be accepted beginning Monday May 14, subject to availability.

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