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### LU Partners with Act II Community Theatre

Lindenwood University is teaming up with Act II Community Theater in St. Peters, Mo., to bring Neil Simon's classic, "The Odd Couple," to the Lindenwood Auditorium stage at the university's Belleville campus.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Lindenwood, which is located in the former Belleville West High School complex at 2600 W. Main St. in Belleville.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors (age 62 and up) and students. Act II Community Theater is staging the production in Belleville following its typical two-week run of the play in St. Peters. Tickets are available by calling 1-800-838-3006 or online at www.act2theater.com.

The classic comedy by Neil Simon, debuted on Broadway in the mid-1960s starring Art Carney and Walter Matthau. It tells the story of two friends, Felix and Oscar, who decide to share an apartment after Felix's divorce, only to discover that their differences (for instance, Oscar is a slob and Felix is a neat freak) are too much to overcome.

The play was later made into a movie, starring Matthau and Jack Lemon, and a television series starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall.

The play is directed by Chad Little; Jaxon Stanford and Paul James star as Felix and Oscar, respectively. ACT II Community Theatre is an independent, non-profit organization comprised entirely of volunteers. The group is in its 15th year; "The Odd Couple" is the first of four plays it will produce in 2007.

ACT II President Jessie Resimius said her group has a goal of bringing theatre to Belleville because of a shared love of the arts among the Belleville and St. Peters.

"With the leadership at Lindenwood University helping to facilitate, we are very optimistic that this event will be looked at for years to come as the genesis of that vision," said Resimius.

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