



GLIMPSES OF THE MOON

A Jazz Age Musical

Mondays at 8 pm
January 21- March 10, 2008
The Oak Room in the Algonquin Hotel
59 West 44th Street NYC

The Algonquin is pleased to announce Lemon Tree Productions' world premiere of the musical, *Glimpses of the Moon* directed by **Marc Bruni**. *Glimpses of the Moon* will debut at the Oak Room on Monday nights at 8 pm, beginning January 21st and run through March 10th 2008.

Glimpses of the Moon is the first original musical created specifically for the intimate wood-paneled Oak Room of the Algonquin Hotel. Set in the modern age of 1922, the musical follows the jazzy whirl of Manhattan society, from champagne-soaked dinner parties, to luxurious vacation cottages and back to New York's elegant hotels.

Glimpses of the Moon is one of Edith Wharton's few comedies, though not without its share of heartaches. Popular but penniless, Suzy Branch and her friend Nick Lansing devise the ultimate fund-raising scheme: to marry and live off the wedding gifts while they help one another find suitable millionaires. The plan works perfectly-- until they fall in love.

Glimpses of the Moon, written by **Tajlei Levis & John Mercurio**, directed by Marc Bruni, features a cast of six actors and three musicians, as well as a special guest appearance by a well-known Broadway or cabaret star. Marc Bruni is currently the Associate Director of Broadway's *Legally Blonde* and *Grease* plus has staged companies of *White Christmas* for Walter Bobbie in Toronto and Boston this year. He recently received the NYMF Directing Award for his production of *Such Good Friends*.

Levis and Mercurio previously collaborated on an adaptation of Dawn Powell's 1942 novel *A Time to be Born*, which had a sold-out run at the Lucille Lortel Theatre as part of the 2006 New York International Fringe Festival. *The New York Times* called that production "an elegant adaptation...full of catty wit and jitterbugging. The jazzy score - full of catchy numbers - made the running time fly by." Composer John Mercurio is a Jonathan Larson award winner whose musical *Diva Diaries* played to packed houses at the Broward and Tampa Bay Performing Arts Centers and the Lakeshore Theatre in Chicago.

Begin the evening with an elegant dinner or cocktails in the Oak Room at 6:30 before the 8:00 show. Tickets are \$50, plus a \$30 food and beverage minimum. (A prix fixe dinner is available for \$50.) Advance reservations are recommended, please call Barbara McGurn at the Oak Room: 212 419-9331 or email her at bmcgurn@algonquinhotel.com.

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