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Act II Playhouse Presents *Let's Pretend We're Married*, Jan. 11-22, 2012

AMBLER, PA – Act II Playhouse presents a special two-week engagement of *Let's Pretend We're Married*, created and performed by Philadelphia comedy masters **Tony Braithwaite** and **Jennifer Childs**. *Let's Pretend We're Married* will run from Jan 11-22 at Act II Playhouse. For tickets and information, call 215-654-0200 or visit www.act2.org.

In a classic cabaret style, *Let's Pretend We're Married* will feature music and sketches from comedy's most famous couples: The Bickersons, Edith and Archie Bunker, Lucy and Desi, Sonny and Cher – and a special salute to Burns and Allen, whose material Braithwaite and Childs first began performing more than 10 years ago. The musical selection is just as varied, with classic cuts from Tom Lehrer, Stephen Sondheim, George and Ira Gershwin, and Irving Berlin.

“*Let's Pretend We're Married* is one of my favorite shows to do ... ever. Tony and I have such fun together – it never feels like work,” Childs said. “The opportunity to do it at Act II, where Tony has such a rich history, is sublime.”

Let's Pretend We're Married offers the ultimate in audience participation as married couples can renew their vows during a performance of the show. Couples have their choice of a Traditional Theme, Las Vegas Theme, or Hawaiian Theme-and there is even a pop-up Chuppa for Jewish Couples (or anyone else who would like to use it!). All married couples are welcome (including visitors from New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Iowa!). Tony Braithwaite, officially

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ordained through the Universal Life Church online ministry, will officiate and Jen Childs will be everyone's favorite flower-girl.

A delightful, musical comedy celebration of the world's greatest, and most complicated institution, *Let's Pretend We're Married* was a smash hit in 1812 Productions' 2008-2009 season. Braithwaite and Childs will be presenting the follow-up, a new cabaret called *Let's Pretend We're Famous*, back at 1812 Productions in March.

Tickets for *Let's Pretend We're Married* at Act II Playhouse are \$27 for all Wednesday-Thursday performances and \$33 for Friday-Sunday shows. Subscribers receive discounted tickets of \$20 for any performance, and discounts are also available for students and groups of 10 or more.

Press opening for *Let's Pretend We're Married* is Friday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling the Act II Box Office at (215) 654-0200, in person at 56 E. Butler Ave. in Ambler, or online at www.act2.org. Box office hours are 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

CREATIVE TEAM

Jennifer Childs (Writer/Performer) is the Artistic Director and Co-Founder of 1812 Productions - Philadelphia's All Comedy Theatre Company. For 1812 she has created and directed over a dozen original pieces including *The Big Time*, *Always a Lady*, *Cherry Bomb*, *Our Show of Shows* and their annual political humor show *This is the Week That Is*, now in its sixth year. Next month Jen will take her one-woman show, *Why I'm Scared of Dance*, to City Theatre in Pittsburgh for a two-week run. Later this season she can be seen singing and laughing with her good friend and comedy partner, Tony Braithwaite, in 1812's *Let's Pretend We're Famous*.

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Tony Braithwaite (Writer/Performer) has appeared many times at Act II Playhouse since 2003, most recently in his original holiday show, *Laughing All the Way*. Tony also works regularly with Montgomery Theater, 1812 Productions and Arden Theatre Company, among others. Next up: *Let's Pretend We're Famous* (in March, with Jen Childs) at 1812 Productions, and as Henry Higgins in a 10-actor version of *My Fair Lady* in April at Act II Playhouse. Tony is a 13-time Barrymore nominee, a 4-time Barrymore M.C., and a 3-time Barrymore winner. For 17 years, Tony has also been the Director of Dramatics at his beloved alma mater St. Joe's Prep where he is currently producing their second annual Night of Scenes, opening in January. His web site is www.tonybraithwaite.com.

ABOUT ACT II PLAYHOUSE

Act II Playhouse, now in its 13th season of professional theatre in the Philadelphia suburb of Ambler, PA, is committed to creating world-class theatre in a venue whose intimacy draws audiences and actors into dynamic interaction. Act II produces new, classic, and contemporary plays and musicals under the direction of **Bud Martin** (Producing Artistic Director) and **Harriet Power** (Associate Artistic Director). In July 2010, Howard Shapiro of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* declared that “Act II Playhouse is arguably the most up-and-coming of the region's small professional theaters outside Center City.”

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Let's Pretend We're Married Fact Sheet

Theater:

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Prices:

Adults: \$27-\$33
Special discounts are available for subscribers, students, seniors 65+ and groups of 10 or more.

Tickets:

Phone: (215) 654-0200
Online: www.act2.org

Performances:

Wed. Jan 11 at 2 p.m.
Wed. Jan 11 at 8 p.m.
Thurs Jan 12 at 8 p.m.
Fri Jan 13 at 8 p.m. (*Press Opening*)
Sat Jan 14 at 8 p.m.
Sun Jan 15 at 2 p.m.
Wed. Jan 18 at 2 p.m.
Wed. Jan 18 at 8 p.m.
Thurs Jan 19 at 8 p.m.
Fri Jan 20 at 8 p.m.
Sat Jan 21 at 8 p.m.
Sun Jan 22 at 2 p.m.

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