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## Beechmont Players present 'Once Upon a Mattress'

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Join Beechmont Players, Cincinnati's premiere eastside community theatre group, for their winter production of the hilarious fractured fairytale *Once Upon a Mattress*, music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer, book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer. This side-splitting musical comedy continues Beechmont Players' 52nd season of quality community entertainment.

If you thought you knew the story of "The Princess and The Pea," you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

*Once Upon a Mattress* has received wide acclaim as a fun and fanciful musical triumph:

"A hilariously nutty retelling of the beloved fairy tale THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA. The show itself is a musical comedy gem. MATTRESS is a masterpiece of its kind" Michael Portantiere, Theatermania

"...ONCE UPON A MATTRESS shows you can retell fairy tales with wit and sophistication, and more important, human feeling." New York Daily News

"Mary Rodgers' music deserves the ultimate compliment. And Barer's lyrics are nothing short of brilliant. Sheer delight!" Michael Portantiere, Theatermania

Director Carolyn Lipchik has assembled a superb cast of talented and versatile performers to bring *Once Upon a Mattress* to life on the Beechmont stage. Linsey Rogers as Princess Winnifred the Woebegone, Jeffrey S. Surber as her hopeful prince, Dauntless the Drab, Joodi Archer as Dauntless's domineering mother, Queen Aggravain, Vernon Burns as King Sextimus the Silent and Larry Behymer as the Wizard lead a cast that includes Emily Jencson as the lovely Lady Larken and Daniel Cooley as her stalwart knight, Sir Harry. Bryan Franke and Gregory Good play King Sextimus's sidekicks and partners in mischief, the Minstrel and the Jester. The lovely ladies and gentlemen in waiting include Ladies Pamela Blessing, Susan Caskey, Susie Knadler, Becky

Krausser, Amber Lutes, Brigid Short and Rebecca Wiesman and gentlemen Tommy Galvin, Jay P. Myers, Charlie Russell, Garrett Wallace, Brandon Beavers and Bryce Willson.

*Once Upon a Mattress* is directed by Carolyn Lipchik with vocal direction by Isabel Freer, musical direction by John Fecker and choreography by Pamela Blessing. *Once Upon a Mattress* is produced by Cheryl Boettger.

Beechmont's production of the hilarious, raucous, romantic musical comedy *Once Upon a Mattress* runs February 25 – March 5, 2011 with evening performances February 25, 26, March 3, 4, 5 at 8:00 PM and matinees February 27 and March 5 at 3:00 PM. Mild sexual innuendo - parental discretion advised. All performances are at the Anderson Center Theater at 7850 Five Mile Road in Anderson.

To find out more about Beechmont Players, or to order tickets on-line, visit [www.beechmontplayers.org](http://www.beechmontplayers.org). To order tickets by phone, contact (513) BEECHMT (513-233-2468). Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors, students and active military.

**ABOUT BEECHMONT PLAYERS:** Beechmont Players provide a consistently excellent fare of comedies, farces, dramas, musicals and mysteries, drawing on the talents of actors and technicians who are among the best in the area. The Players' creatively mix cherished classics by established playwrights with exciting regional premieres and offerings from foreign dramatists. Each year, the Players' excellence is acknowledged with multiple awards at the ACT (Association of Community Theatres) Convention, which celebrates the rich artistic heritage and talent Cincinnati has to offer theatre goers. Beechmont Players is the winner of the 2010 Community Entertainment Award for



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