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The American Century Theater presents ***The Show-Off*** **By George Kelly**

The American Century Theater will begin the new year with *The Show-Off* by George Kelly, opening January 11 and running through February 2 at Gunston Performing Arts Center's Theatre Two in Arlington.

Egotistical braggart Aubrey Piper blows into the lives of the Fishers, regaling them with fantastic tales of his past success and bright future while winning the heart of daughter Amy. The family's attempts to cope with this master exaggerator, and his endeavors to set the record straight when caught in his own fabrications, made this 1926 parlor comedy a hit Broadway show and twice-produced film.

Director Stephen Jarrett (*Sophie Treadwell* and *Cops*) returns to TACT to direct an ensemble cast that includes Helen Hayes Award winner Lee Mikeska Gardner as Mrs. Fisher and TACT favorite Craig Miller as Mr. Fisher. Newcomers David Gram and Erin E. McGuff play the roles of Aubrey and Amy. The ensemble also includes Jenna Berk, Joe Cronin, Evan Crump, Nello DeBlasio and Bill Gordon.

Leigh-Ann Friedel is the Set Designer and the Props Designer is Joshua Aaron Rosenblum. Jedidiah Roe is the Lighting Designer and Erin Nugent is the Costume Designer. Ed Moser is the Sound Designer. Jonathan Hudspeth is Master Carpenter. Lindsey Moore is the Stage Manager and Johanna Schoenborn is the Assistant Stage Manager.

Performance Information

EDITORS: The press is invited to the **Saturday, January 12**, 8 pm performance in Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington.

The Show-Off opens **Friday, January 11** and runs through **Saturday, February 2, 2013** with a **pay-what-you-can preview** on Thursday, January 10 at 8 pm, and a **pay-what-you-can performance** on Wednesday, January 16 at 8 pm. There is a **post-show talk-back** on Thursday, January 17.

Regular show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 pm with Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm (no matinee Saturday, January 12). Tickets can be ordered online at americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555.

Directions

The American Century Theater performs at Theatre II in the Gunston Arts Center, located at 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington VA 22206. Gunston is roughly ten minutes from downtown Washington DC and minutes from Arlington's Shirlington Village. Free, ample, well-lit parking is available. For directions, visit americancentury.org/directions.

About TACT

The American Century Theater is a 501(c)(3) professional nonprofit theater company dedicated to producing significant 20th century American plays and musicals at risk of being forgotten. TACT is supported in part by Arlington County through the Arlington Commission for the Arts and Arlington Cultural Affairs, a division of Arlington Economic Development; the Virginia Commission for the Arts; the National Endowment for the Arts; and many generous donors.