

CITY CENTRE
THEATRE PRODUCTIONS INC
presents

Picasso

at the Lapin Agile
by Steve Martin

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CITY CENTRE PRESENTS *PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE* NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 21, 22 - 2003 (8PM CURTAIN)

Following the highly successful production of *The Miser* in April 2003, City Centre is set to entertain audiences again in the Steve Martin comedy *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*.

Set in a Paris Bistro in 1904, Einstein meets Picasso, two seminal influences of the 20th Century, and exchange their views on life, sex, art and science with a motley assortment of colourful Parisians. In the skillful play writing hands of Steve Martin, one is promised a stimulating and highly entertaining evening of theatre comedy.

Jan Francies directs this show and is also Artistic Director of the company. The cast, including Andrew Udell as *Picasso*, Benjamin Blais as *Einstein*, James Lukie as *Freddy*, and Anne Van Wijk as *Germaine*, is a very talented ensemble consisting of previous theatre award winners and City Centre alumni. Paddy Cardarelli, who plays *Gaston* is a founding member of the company.

This is the third season for City Centre Theatre Productions, performing at the George Ignatieff Theatre at the U of T campus. Toronto's theatre community continues to grow with each new production season, and 2003/04 is no exception. This year, the theatre welcomes several theatre groups, including the East Side Players, relocated due to renovations at the Todmorden Mills Theatre. The two companies have shared many actors in the past, and now look forward to a season of collaboration at the George Ignatieff Theatre.

City Centre Theatre Productions Inc defines their mandate on their website: to bring to Toronto's centre a theatre company that provides an exceptional theatrical experience by maintaining high standards of play selection, creative and inventive directors, high caliber crew and motivated actors varying in age and experience; and to make theatre accessible to the public via a downtown location and reasonable ticket prices.

To learn more about the company, see archive photos of past productions and information about the theatre, visit their website at www.citycentretheatre.com.

The George Ignatieff Theatre (15 Devonshire Place, South of Varsity Stadium)

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Tickets: \$20 (\$16 students/seniors)

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