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**TROUPE AMERICA ANNOUNCES THE MINNESOTA PREMIERE  
OF *GUYS ON ICE*, THE ICE FISHING MUSICAL  
OPENING JANUARY 16TH AT PLYMOUTH PLAYHOUSE**

Minneapolis, MN (December 20, 2003) Co-produced by Troupe America, Inc., and St. Cloud's Paramount Arts District, Troupe America Executive Producer, Curt Wollan and the Paramount Theatre's Executive Director Milward Simpson announce plans to bring the hilarious regional musical comedy *GUYS ON ICE*, the Ice Fishing Musical to the Plymouth Playhouse. The show opened at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud in December and will begin its Twin Cities run at the Plymouth Playhouse opening January 16, 2004. *GUYS ON ICE* replaces the holiday winter version of *How To Talk Minnesotan The Musical* closing January 11, 2004.

Commenting on the change of shows at the Plymouth Playhouse, Wollan stated " Get ready to enjoy another regional slice of fun --ice fishing --and it's a musical! This show has been a major hit especially in Wisconsin and Michigan and we are excited to share the fun with Minnesota audiences."

Originally written as a joint production of The American Folklore Theater and The Milwaukee Repertory Theater, *GUYS ON ICE*, the Ice Fishing Musical made its debut at Ephraim Village Hall in Door County, Wisconsin in 1998. With book and lyrics by Fred Alley and music by James Kaplan, this hilarious musical comedy has played to sold-out houses from Madison and Milwaukee to Detroit and Ashland, Oregon.

"*GUYS ON ICE* is simple, straightforward and possesses a sweet charm" according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "...a funny, sweet-natured show" the Detroit Free Press, and "surprisingly touching" says the Green Bay Press Gazette. Through a series of 12 songs backed by keyboard, drums, tuba and a fleet of accordions, *GUYS ON ICE* will charm your socks off with musical numbers like "De Wishing Hole", "Ode to a Snowmobile Suit", and "Fish is de Miracle Food". Join long-time pals Marvin and Lloyd in their ice fishing shanty keeping warm with a mutual appreciation for good bait, cold beer and the Green Bay Packers. They sing about life, love and the "one that got away" while awaiting the arrival of a popular sportscaster to be interviewed for a local TV show.

*GUYS ON ICE* is directed by Curt Wollan with musical direction by Kevin Rotty. Wollan has chosen three seasoned Twin Cities actors to play the roles of Marvin, Lloyd and Ernie. Terry Lynn Carlson, well-known for his work at The Ordway, Chanhassen and Children's Theatre takes on the role of "Marvin", the bachelor, Fred Wagner, familiar to Great American History Theater, Jungle Theater, and Chanhassen audiences plays "Lloyd" trying to balance his marriage with the Packer/ Bear game, and Tim Drake, an original cast member of the Plymouth Playhouse's *How to Talk Minnesotan the Musical*, joins the cast as "Ernie The Moocher", everybody's pain in the "you know what"!

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GUYS ON ICE is choreographed by Elizabeth M. Desotelle, with stage design by Gary Decker, costumes by Peg Wiklund, and lighting design by Scott Herbst.

All the performances of GUYS ON ICE are at the Plymouth Playhouse. Celebrating 30 years in 2004, Plymouth Playhouse is best known for its intimate musical comedies. This plush 211 seat theater with its comfortable seats and wide aisles is housed below the Green Mill Restaurant in the Best Western Kelly Inn, conveniently located at I-494 and Hwy. 55, 20 minutes west from downtown Minneapolis. Performances are Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday at 1pm & 8pm, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5pm & 8:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. Ticket prices are \$23 for Wed., Thurs., & Sun., \$ 20 for Thu. matinees, \$27 for Fri., and \$30 for Sat. Overnight "Stay and Play" packages are available which include hotel room, dinner for two and theater tickets, all located under one roof with plenty of free parking. Ticket information may be obtained by calling the Plymouth Playhouse Box Office, (763)-553-1600 or Ticketmaster Artsline, (612)-673-0404. For group information call our Group Sales Department, (763)-383-1073.

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