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Partners in Crime: "Big Tom" Brown and Leon Gleckman

Landmark Center's history drama explores corruption and ethics

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (August 17, 2017)—Two of Saint Paul's biggest bootlegging players take a walk down memory lane in Landmark Center's new history drama, *Partners in Crime: "Big Tom" Brown and Leon Gleckman*. Co-produced with Lakeshore Players Theatre, the new production features scenes from Brown and Gleckman's past shown through vignettes. The play runs September 21-23, 7 p.m., in the F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.

The history dramas draw audiences of both seasoned and emerging legal professionals, as well as fans of local gangster lore and historical drama. *Partners in Crime*, examines the notorious alliance between bootlegging boss Leon Gleckman and Saint Paul police chief "Big Tom" Brown, as they reminisce about their roles during Saint Paul's infamous gangster hey-days.

The script was commissioned by Minnesota Landmarks. It was written for the stage by Bill Sikorski and is directed by Ben Ratkowski, Lakeshore's Artistic Director. The majority of the roles will be played by noted members of the Twin Cities legal community, such as retired Minnesota Supreme Court Judge, Paul Anderson and prominent retired attorney, Tom Fabel in the title roles. It also features appearances by retired Assistant Attorney General, J. P. Barone; and retired District Court Judge, Kathleen Gearin.

"This year's play takes on two larger-than-life characters in Saint Paul's gangster lore, expertly played by two gentlemen that have honed these roles over many years as actors in other Landmark Center productions" said Judy Brooks, Landmark Center Director of Community Programs. "Paul Anderson and Tom Fabel, in their roles as Brown and Gleckman, are audience favorites whenever they make appearances, so it was time we gave them a spotlight all their own."

The trial reenactment is co-presented by Minnesota Landmarks and Lakeshore Players Theatre. Tickets for the production are \$10 and can be purchased by phone or online. For more information or to purchase tickets call 651.292.3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org/programs/trials.htm.

About Landmark Center

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information, call 651.292.3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

About Lakeshore Players Theatre

Lakeshore Players is a community supported nonprofit arts organization with a mission to provide community enrichment opportunities through the performing arts. It serves as the premier performing arts center for the White Bear Lake area and is committed to providing opportunities for our community to participate in and experience live theatre and are proud to be one of the oldest continuously operating theaters in Minnesota. For more information, visit www.lakeshoreplayers.com.

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