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Iowa Central and Kevin Kelleher Strike Again

Deadpan is a new, original dinner-theatre, murder/mystery musical comedy written by Iowanative Kevin Kelleher. After a reading at the Daryl Roth Theatres in New York City in October of 2011, **Deadpan** will be premiered to the world at Willow Ridge Restaurant in Fort Dodge, Iowa, from January 26th-February 4th, in conjunction with Iowa Central Community College's Culinary Arts Program.

Deadpan follows Stanley Cordell through 1936's hottest nightclub: the Il Toscana. Cordell arrives at the club to propose to his fiancé (Betty), only to discover that she's been having an affair behind his back. When she promptly dies, Stanley (along with everyone else) gets implicated in a murder investigation that's sure to uncover some unsettling, unforeseen, and downright unusual truths about the club's patrons...

6 professional artists from New York City have been imported by Iowa Central Community College's Culinary Arts Department to put on this year's dinner theatre extravaganza. After the extremely successful "The Madrigal Dinner" premiered in January, 2011, Head Chef Michael Hirst and playwright Kevin Kelleher have teamed up once more to bring the Midwest another top-notch, brand new theatrical/culinary experience. Between the two-week run of the show **Deadpan**, the New Yorkers and Iowa Central will be providing several other cultural opportunities for area residents. There will be a **Visual Art Open House**, a night of **Musical Theatre Cabaret**, a night of **Improvisation**, and a night of **spoken word performance** dubbed, "Artists at the Mic." During the day, the New Yorkers will be offering an open clinic on **Vocal Performance**, another on **Acting**, and a workshop on **Songwriting**. For a full schedule of events, please visit us at www.kevinkelleher.com

Deadpan runs January 26th through the 28th, and February 2nd through the 4th, with evening performances each night and matinees on Saturdays. Doors open at 5:30 for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances and at 11:30 for the Saturday matinees. Tickets are \$35 for nightly shows, and \$25 for matinees. Prices include both admission and a three-course dinner. Tickets can be reserved through Willow Ridge Restaurant at 515.576.5711.

CAST: Abby Enabit, Jane Bunting*, Sean Coughlin*, Will Schnurr, Deven Kolluri, Mike Loots, Kate Fitzgerald, Joe Whaley, Robin Corsberg, Ben Wheeler

ORCHESTRA: Ben Wheeler, Chloe Peterson, Zak Sjoberg, Francis Lee, Ben McCartney, Jack Hanson, Sean Strachan, Rob Secor, Heather Stafford, Jim Ellerston, Andrea Minikis, Stephen Kelleher, Zak Lee, Patrick Buhr, Julian Tovar

PRODUCTION TEAM: Kevin Kelleher, Chef Michael Hirst, Kathleen Schreier

More information can be found at www.kevinkelleher.com

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