

REA MADELLA IOANNIDOU

# GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES - MUSICAL

TIME 20:30

## ABOUT THE PLAY

**Gentlemen prefer blondes** is a 1950s fast-paced musical comedy. One of the most influential musicals of the 20th century, it has left an indelible mark on the genre in America. The original story was written in 1925 as a novel by Anita Loos and was well-received by the American public. In 1940, Loos worked with Joseph Fields to adapt the novel into a musical. Masterfully directed by John C. Wilson with music written by Jule Styne, the play premiered at the Ziegfeld Theatre in Broadway on December 8, 1949 and ran for 740 performances until September 15, 1951. The play's success on Broadway prompted a film version directed by Howard Hawks and starring Jane Russel and Marilyn Monroe. The movie was a huge commercial success and still ranks among the most popular comedies worldwide. Since then, this musical has been exerting influence on musical theatre with stage productions across Europe and the United States. Now, this highly acclaimed play, is brought to Cypriot theatre-goers in the context of the KYPRIA 2011 International Festival.

## THE PLOT

**Gentlemen prefer blondes** recounts the story of Lorelei, a young, blonde woman who knows what to set her mind on and how to get it, especially when it comes to men. Together with her friend Dorothy, Lorelei sails to France, where she hopes to marry the wealthy Gus Esmond. Despite the objections of Gus' father, Lorelei won't take no for an answer. In the end, not only does she marry Gus, but while doing so she also persuades a married man to give her a diamond tiara. Through several tragicomic situations, portrayed through singing and dancing, the two friends manage to set on fire the entire male population aboard the ship that takes them from America to France.

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**PATTICHION MUNICIPAL**  
**AMPHITHEATRE**  
**LARNACA**

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**LIMASSOL**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30**  
**MAKARIOS III AMPHITHEATRE**  
**STROVOLOS**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1**  
**MAKARIOS III AMPHITHEATRE**  
**STROVOLOS**

**TICKETS: €15 / €10**

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## PRODUCTION CREDITS:

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### **DIRECTED BY:**

Vassilis Myriantopoulos

### **CHOREOGRAPHY BY:**

Elia Ioannidou

### **SET BY:**

Charis Kafkarides

### **COSTUMES BY:**

Rea Olympiou

### **MAKE-UP BY:**

Litsa Ioannidou

### **ORCHESTRATED BY:**

Nicholas Dimas

### **LYRICS BY:**

Andreas Hadjipanayiotou

### **TEACHING OF SONGS AND CHORAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Katerina Christophidou

### **ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER:**

Ntinos Christodoulides

### **CAST:**

Dimos Beke, Elia Ioannidou, Lefteris Salomides, Christiana Larkou, Antonis Lapethiotis, Diomedes Koufteros, Mariella Savvidou, Niki Dragoume, Manos Galanes, Iacovos Chatzivassilis and 8 year-old Stavros Nicolaou.

Also: Baritone Marios Andreou, Soprano Irena Avraamidou and ACT STUDIO's 12-member opera group and 16-member professional dance group with 10 year-old Paris Efstratiou.

