

*Get Ready For*

# A Spirited Good Time!

## *Our Winter Comedy*

The smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages is also the Arts Center's winter production *Blithe Spirit*, onstage February 12 - March 3. This brilliant revival is from the playwright of *Private Lives*, none other than the witty, clever, and classy Noël Coward.

In *Blithe Spirit*, Coward offers up the cantankerous but popular novelist Charles Condomine as his hero.

Condomine is married to the super-rational Ruth, his second wife, after his first wife passed away. When researching his latest thriller about a spirit medium, he impetuously holds a séance for background material.

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But what begins as a lighthearted experiment for the sake of art results in marital mayhem, chaos and misunderstandings, as a good farce should! Quite by accident, the famously eccentric medium, Madame Arcati, summons the spirit of Charles's first wife, Elvira, and try as she might cannot make the disruptive presence go away. Charles, to his disbelief, discovers Elvira has suddenly materialized, and the spirit can only be seen by him (and of course the audience)!

And this is just the beginning! What follows is a hilarious spectral variation on a love



triangle, with Charles torn between two equally strong women, and we know he doesn't stand a ghost of a chance.

The Arts Center production will be directed by NYC's Russell Treyz, marking his 29<sup>th</sup> show with us. The show, when revived on Broadway in 2009, won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival.

Tickets go on sale Monday, December 24, and three- or four-show subscription packages may be purchased online or by calling the box office.

*Tickets for preview performances February 12-14 are \$39 for adults and \$26 for children ages 5-15. Regular performance tickets Feb. 15-March 3 are \$49 for adults and \$36 for children ages 5-15.*