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Oscar and Felix Bring Laughs to Carousel in Neil Simon's Comedy, *The Odd Couple*

Akron, OH – Come experience the iconic images and scenes of Neil Simon's comedy, *The Odd Couple*. One of the funniest plays of all time, laughs are guaranteed as you relive the classic TV and movies scenes of the "Friday Night Poker Games," "The Pigeon Sisters," the famous "Spaghetti Linguini Scene," and the timeless question: "How do two recently divorced bachelors live together without driving each other crazy?" The answer of course is, The Don't! This classic play in on the Carousel stage **plays January 9 through February 23, 2008.**

Set in New York City, this zany, mismatched duo will have you in stitches laughing at the idiosyncratic and eccentric lifestyles of two endearing men and the quirks they're forced to live with. Two recently divorced men, a neurotic, neat-freak news writer and a slovenly, carefree sportswriter, move in together to save money to pay for alimony as they discover that living with their new "partner" is just as impossible as their marriages.

The *Odd Couple*, opened on March 10, 1965, starring Walter Matthau as Oscar and Art

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Carney as Felix, and went on to become the prolific playwright's most beloved and long-lived comedy. The play proved to be so successful that a subsequent film, which starred Jack Lemmon and Matthau and a television series adaptation, which starred Tony Randall and Jack Klugman, emerged. Broadway's recent revival starring Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick further extend the timelessness of this piece. You'll remember all the madcap comedy as two men prove that cleanliness can be next to craziness. Don't pass up the chance to see Carousel's hilarious production of *The Odd Couple*. Guaranteed to make your life seem "normal!"

The iconic bachelor figures are portrayed by Broadway actor Ken Forman as slovenly Oscar Madison and talented Todd Faulkner as neat-freak Felix Ungar. **Ken Forman** appeared on Broadway in *Wildier, Wildier, Wildier*; on the National Tour of *I'm Not Rappaport* and in many plays Off and Off-Off Broadway. He's been seen in theatres across the country and in television series *Law & Order*, *SVU* and *Criminal Intent* and the films *Lonely In America* and *Hacks*. Carousel audiences may remember **Todd Faulkner** as Norm Petty in the smash-hit *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. He recently starred as Marlin in Disney's *Finding Nemo: The Musical*. He hosted the Emmy-award winning children's series *Wordscape*, has appeared on many television series and directed videos for The Wildlife Conservation Society.

Director Michael Brindisi comes to Carousel from another renowned Equity dinner theatre, the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre in Minneapolis where he resides as resident

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artistic director where he has directed over 50 productions. He recently directed two world-premiere Rodgers & Hammerstein projects: *Midlife: The Crisis Musical* and Irving Berlin's *Easter Parade*. He has directed many productions around the country and founded the Minnesota Festival Theatre. His recent staging of *Hair* and *Grease* at Pantages Theatre, Minneapolis, earned him directorial acclaim.

In the supporting female roles of the Pigeon sisters, *The Odd Couple* features the talents of **Katherine Puma** as Gwendolyn Pigeon and **Nicole Greevy** as Cecily Pegeon. Some of the best scenes feature the poker-playing buddies played by **Gary Littman** as Speed, **Marc Moritz** as Murray, **Richard Price** as Roy and **Damian Buzzerio** as Vinnie.

Show times are Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 8:00p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30p.m., and Sunday evenings at 5:00p.m. Matinees are Wednesday and Saturday at 2:00p.m. (including a special Friday matinee on January 12). Dinner service begins two hours prior to curtain. Ticket prices range from matinee show-only tickets at \$37.50 to Saturday evening dinner-and-show tickets at \$58.00, plus a nominal processing fee. Purchase and pay for your tickets prior to Saturday of opening week and save \$3.00 per ticket.

Don't miss this hilarious Neil Simon play, *The Odd Couple*, that has proven its significance and audience appeal with a recent revival on Broadway as well as many productions across the country.

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For reservations and more information, contact the Carousel Box Office, 1275 East Waterloo Road, in Akron, at (330) 724-9855 or (800) 362-4100, Monday through Saturday from 9:00a.m. to 9:00p.m., Sunday from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Tickets can also be purchased and printed on the Internet using our interactive seating tool at www.carouseldinnertheatre.com. As always parking is free, and the Carousel is a non-smoking facility.

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