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Lantern Theater Company Extends Tom Stoppard's *Heroes*, starring Peter DeLaurier, Dan Kern and Mal Whyte, through June 16 – Five Performances Added

PHILADELPHIA – Lantern Theater Company's Philadelphia premiere of Tom Stoppard's *Heroes* will be extended an additional week through **Sunday, June 16** to accommodate audience demand—the fifth consecutive production of the 2012/13 season to be extended. In *Stage Magazine*, **Debra Miller** raves “The Lantern scores a huge victory with *Heroes*. Funny and profound and fully relatable; it's beautifully staged and brilliantly acted. A production like this reminds audiences and critics alike of why they love going to the theater.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*'s **David Patrick Stearns** called young director **M. Craig Getting**'s work “tightly focused” and *Philadelphia Weekly*'s **J. Cooper Robb** adds "Getting's staging... embraces the play's charming intimacy. Buoyed by a trio of pitch-perfect performances, Lantern's involving production allows us to be entirely content spending a couple of hours with these proud men who, despite their frailties, are determined that their final years of life are not devoid of adventure or joy."

The following performances have been added:

Wednesday, Jun. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jun. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jun. 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jun. 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jun. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

In *Heroes*, war heroes Gustave (**Dan Kern**), Philippe (**Mal Whyte**) and Henri (**Peter DeLaurier**) are plotting an escape. They've had enough of the tortures of their confinement: dictatorial captors, untrustworthy fellow prisoners, and far too many birthday parties. Indeed, life in a retired soldiers' home is almost unbearable! So, while keeping each other company on the back patio, they hatch a plan to escape to Indochina, or at least to a picnic under the poplars on a nearby hill. Winner of London's prestigious Olivier Award for Best New Comedy, Tom Stoppard's adaptation of this French play is playful, bawdy, and heartbreakingly funny.

Tickets are \$30-\$36 and are available online at lanterntheater.org or by calling (215) 829-0395. Discounts are available for students, seniors, military personnel and groups of 10 or more. Lantern Theater Company is located at St. Stephen's Theater, 10th & Ludlow Streets in Center City Philadelphia.

Heroes

Philadelphia Premiere

By **Tom Stoppard**

Adapted from **Gérald Sibleyras**' *Le Vent des Peupliers*

Directed **M. Craig Getting**

Cast (in alphabetical order)

Peter DeLaurier as Henri

Dan Kern as Gustave

Mal Whyte as Philippe

Production Team

Meghan Jones, Production Manager

Nick Embree, Scenic Designer

Natalia de la Torre, Costume Designer

Janet Embree, Lighting Designer

Christopher Colucci, Sound Designer

J. Alex Cordaro, Fight Director

Rebecca Smith, Stage Manager

2013/14 Season

Lantern Theater Company's 20th Anniversary Season kicks off in September with the Philadelphia premiere of Jane Austen's *Emma*, adapted by Michael Bloom and directed by Kathryn MacMillan (September 19 – October 20, 2013); Charles McMahon and Sebastienne Mundheim's world premiere adaptation of Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* (December 5, 2013 – January 5, 2014); *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare, directed by Charles McMahon (February 6 – March 16, 2014); and the Philadelphia premiere of Athol Fugard's latest play, *The Train Driver* (April 10 – May 4, 2014).

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