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The breezy feel of 1930s musical comedies is brought to the Dakota Theatre stage this month with the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company's production of the off-Broadway hit, "Dames at Sea." ABOVE: Lucky (Ben Gothier) and Joan (Lauren Casey) sing "Choo Choo Honeymoon." RIGHT: Dick (Alex Heying) connects with a hometown girl, Ruby (Mikayla Vetter) he meets in New York in the musical number, "It's You." "Dames at Sea" opens June 10 and runs for three weekends.

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Fun Ahoy!



The director Hennessy (Jake Christensen) listens to the complaints of star Mona Kent (Hannah Lambert) in "Wall Street," the opening number from the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company's upcoming production of "Dames at Sea" at the Dakota Theatre. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

'Dames At Sea' Splashes Ashore At Dakota Theatre Starting Next Week

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"Dames at Sea" is sailing its way across the Dakota Theatre stage next week.

One of two musicals billed for this summer's 49th season at the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company, "Dames at Sea" promises parody, love songs and plenty of dancing.

"The show is a 1930s tap dance musical," said Chuck Lambert, director and set designer. "It's a classic show that actually pokes fun at the '30s musicals. It's very much like '42nd Street' except it takes place on a ship."

The original "Dames at Sea" opened off-Broadway in the 1960s. Bernadette Peters revived the role of Ruby in the show's remake in the 1980s.

The show made a rather successful run on the West End in the 1960s and 1980s, too.

The story is about a Midwestern girl named Ruby, played by Mikayla Vetter, who travels to New York to seek stardom. There she meets and is swooned by Dick, played by Alex Heying, a sailor in the Navy and performer in a soon-to-open Broadway show.

"Alex Heying is a classic nice guy and portrays it beautifully," Lambert said. "The whole ensemble is talented and they are working hard to give you a performance you won't forget."

The musical has a host of comical characters, too, like jealous diva Mona, played by Hannah Lambert, and a desperate director and heroic ship captain, both played by Jake Christensen.

The cast is rounded out by Dick's buddy Lucky, played by Ben Gothier; the gum chewing chorus girl Joan, played by Lauren Casey; and three additional chorus members played by Maddie Mines, Courtney Clark and Tierney Scoblic.

"I did this show in college in the early '70s," Lambert said. "I just remember how much fun we had doing it and how much fun the audience had. I think Yankton will really enjoy it."

He also said the show is appropriate for all ages.

While the Lambert family has been very involved in the Lewis and Clark Theatre Company over the years,

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