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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Cesear's Forum will present LUDLOW FAIR & THE MADNESS OF LADY BRIGHT

Cesear's Forum will present Lanford Wilson's LUDLOW FAIR & THE MADNESS OF LADY BRIGHT, two one-act plays in a limited engagement September 27- October 26 at Playhouse Square. Both plays reference individual self worth, relationships (both real and imagined), loneliness and degrees of functioning sanity. The former concerns two young women at the beginning of life discoveries and the latter a reflection of a flamboyant personality looking back. Written and set in the sixties, the plays offer a relevant edge with humorous, poignant insight, quirky relatable and revelatory characters.

Lanford Wilson was a Pulitzer Prize winning, American playwright and a pioneer of the Off-Off-Broadway theatre movement. His plays were often ensemble pieces ruled not so much by plot as by the behaviors of nuanced characters both funny and heartfelt. His early career gave way to wider stages, Off-Broadway, Broadway and as a staple of regional theaters throughout the United States. Mr. Wilson was a founder of the Circle Repertory Company, a highly regarded collective of actors, directors, playwrights and others known for its collaborative approach.

These plays first produced individually (at Caffè Cino, a coffeehouse/theatre and proponent of the Off-Off Broadway theatre movement) and later presented together and/or with other work on the same bill, retain relevance. The former play addresses dating concerns in a pre-dating-app, Gen Z society. The latter, one of the first plays to depict an explicitly gay protagonist, examines societal values and culture.

The Cleveland Cesear's Forum production features Graceyn Dowd and Katie Wells as sharing

apartment dwellers in LUDLOW FAIR, and Mathew Wright, as the ageing monologist, sharing onstage memory characters depicted by Daniel Telford and Graceyn Dowd in THE MADNESS OF LADY BRIGHT. The production is sponsored, in part, by Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

LUDLOW FAIR & THE MADNESS OF LADY BRIGHT, two one-act plays by Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Lanford Wilson: September 27 - October 26. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. A Sunday matinee performance will take place on October 6 and 13 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.playhousesquare.org or by phone at 216-241-6000.

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