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**CLASSICAL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS FRENCH FARCE JUST IN TIME
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

Romantic Comedy Begg the Question – How Far Will You Go for Love?

Houston, TX – The Classical Theatre Company (CTC) presents a staged reading of *The Triumph of Love* by Pierre de Marivaux as part of its popular reading series. Directed by CTC's Associate Artistic Director Julia Traber, the performance will be presented on Friday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos Bookstore in the Rice Village. The event is free and open to the public.

After the success from CTC's holiday reading of *The Second Shepherd's Play*, Artistic Director John Johnston looks forward to a Valentine's Day-themed performance. "I'm thrilled that CTC is able to bring this rarely produced French farce to the Houston community. *The Triumph of Love* is a play that will bring a smile to its audience and make one really wonder – is all really fair in love and war?" The story follows Princess Leonide, who falls madly in love with an exiled prince when she discovers that her throne rightfully belongs to him. Using her womanly wiles and wit, Leonide starts down a path of seduction, bribery, and even cross-dressing to win over the prince's heart. Audiences will enjoy a wine reception following the performance, giving them the chance to mix and mingle with the cast.

This is the third collaboration between CTC and Brazos Bookstore. Nationally renowned for its author events and locally cherished for its careful, intelligent book selection, Brazos now offers online ordering, as well as a new Brazos Kids' Room for all ages. Located near Rice University, the store maintains an extensive inventory of literary fiction, non-fiction, biography, history, poetry, literary criticism, philosophy, travel, and one of the finest selections of architecture and art books in the region.

The Classical Theatre Company is dedicated to being the preeminent producer of classical theatre in the nation, presenting the classical canon on the stage, in the community, and in the classroom in an engaging, visceral, and visually spectacular way. CTC is the only theatre in the Houston area that offers a reading series, a unique opportunity to present lesser-known works in a non-theatrical setting. Founded by Houston actor and Artistic Director John Johnston, the CTC "looks to indelibly change the Houston arts community, and strives to be a cultural force in the region for years to come." The theatre's business plan includes a new theatre facility in the downtown Houston area, a resident acting company, and extensive education and community outreach programs.

For more information on the upcoming event, or to arrange interviews with director Julia Traber and actors participating in the reading of *The Triumph of Love*, please email evad@classicaltheatre.org.

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CLASSICAL THEATRE COMPANY FACT SHEET

READING: *The Triumph of Love* by Pierre de Marivaux

Princess Leonide discovers that her throne rightfully belongs to Agis, a prince who lives in exile and was raised as her enemy. Upon her attempt to make amends, she falls in love with the prince and will stop at nothing to win his affection. This brilliant French farce is full of hilarious deception, gender confusions, and all the complexities of love.

DIRECTOR: Julia Traber (CTC Associate Artistic Director)

CAST:

Leonide	Kay Allmand
Corine	Holly Haire
Harlequin	Adam Sowers
Dimas	Santry Rush
Agis	Ryan Schabach
Leontine	Kim Tobin
Hermocrate	Rick Silverman

DATE: Friday, February 13, 2008

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: The event is free and open to the public (donations accepted)

LOCATION: Brazos Bookstore
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