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SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN

Temple Theater, presented by Des Moines Performing Arts

Tuesday, April 14 through Sunday, April 19, 2015

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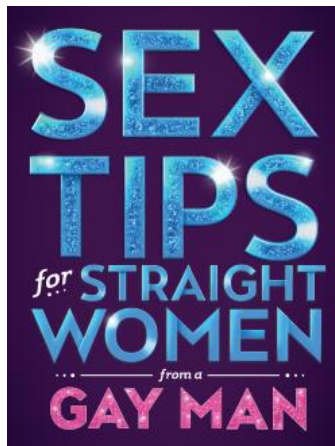
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SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN LAUNCHES NATIONAL TOUR IN DES MOINES THIS APRIL!

Tickets are on sale now

DES MOINES, Iowa – Des Moines Performing Arts will host the national tour launch of the Off-Broadway hit comedy *SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN* at the Temple Theater, Tuesday, April 14 through Sunday, April 19, 2015. Written by Matt Murphy and based on the best-selling book of the same title, this hilarious romantic comedy is part of the 2014-2015 Prairie Meadows Temple Comedy Series and presented by Des Moines Performing Arts.

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Tickets to SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN, which start at \$20, are on sale now at DesMoinesPerformingArts.org, the Civic Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster locations and charge-by-phone at (800) 745-3000. Groups of 10 or more should call (515) 246-2340.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15, 2015 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 17, 2015 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 2015 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 2015 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19, 2015 3:00 p.m.

SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN takes the audience on a hilarious and wild ride where no topic is taboo and the insider 'tips' come straight from the source: a gay man. The play is set at a local university auditorium where the English Department holds its monthly meet the authors' event. Robyn is the shy and studious moderator of the event and this month's featured author is Dan Anderson who wrote, "Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man." The third character is a hunky stage assistant of Eastern European descent, Stefan. Thwarting Robyn's attempts to moderate a scholarly discussion of the book, Dan aims to entertain those in attendance with a highly theatrical, audience-interactive sex tip seminar.

Directed by Tim Drucker, SEX TIPS is now in its 2nd smash year Off-Broadway in New York City, where it began performances on January 22, 2014 and opened on February 9, 2014. The show features Grant MacDermott (*Now or Later*) as Dan, Sam Tedaldi as Robyn, and Mat C. Leonard (*Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*) as Stefan.

The production is based on the book "Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man" written by Dan Anderson and Maggie Berman. First published in 1997, the book championed the straight girl/gay guy friendship in mainstream pop culture and instantly became a national best seller. The book was praised by the *New York Daily News* for "offering witty—and yes, explicit—descriptions of all manner of how-to's;" by *The New York Post* as "straightforward and saucy . . . a play-by-play account of how to make the most of every moment;" and by Salon.com as "a cannily entertaining romp through the nuts and bolts of sex from the male perspective." Now a cult classic, the book has also been published in Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Brazil, the Netherlands, Australia, England, and France.

The play has received the same adulation from the media with *TheaterMania* touting "SEX TIPS is one of the best date-night shows you'll see this year. Breathlessly entertaining! Uproariously funny! Hysterically titillating!" and Michael Musto for *OUT Magazine* giving the show, "Two wet thumbs up!" *Broadway World* calls the show "a night of fun and exhausting laughter that makes you feel good in all the wrong places" and the academics from *Columbia Spectator* call it "hysterical and better than sex!"

Presented by Matt Murphy and Shawn Nightingale, SEX TIPS FOR STRAIGHT WOMEN FROM A GAY MAN has scenic design by Luke Cantarella, costume design by Tilly Grimes, lighting design by Brian Tovar, and video and sound design by Randy Blair.

About Des Moines Performing Arts

Des Moines Performing Arts is a private not-for-profit organization celebrating 35 years of presenting the performing arts to Iowa and the surrounding states on three stages in Des Moines – the Civic Center, the Stoner Theater and the Temple Theater. The organization also operates Cowles Commons (formerly Nollen Plaza), a longtime Des Moines landmark currently under redesign and renovation. Des Moines Performing Arts is a presenter of major Broadway and educational touring companies, performers and groups, and is home to many local and regional groups, including the Des Moines Symphony. All performances of the Broadway Series are supported by Willis Auto Campus. All performances at the Temple Theater are supported by Prairie Meadows. All performances of the Family Series are supported by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. For more information, visit DesMoinesPerformingArts.org.

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