NAIROBI CITY PLAYERS with MCC present

## Oh, Mr Porter!

A Musical Enconium of the Life and Works of Cole Porter

by Lawrence Gilroy

A love that

would never die

and music that

would live

forever.

Four decades of clever words and wonderful music. You will find yourself leaving the theatre singing!

Produced by Jacqui Mason

Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd, and Saturday 24th May, 2008

THIS IS DINNER THEATRE OF THE 1920's, 30's AND 40's (Men in Black Tie, and Ladies - a chance to dress for any of these decades

## <u>CAST</u> (in order of appearance)

Cole Porter Roy Lawrence

Ethel Merman Jacqui Mason

Leila Zanette Leila Zanette

Gerald Murphy Robin Mason

Sara Murphy Jackie Holt

Linda Lee Thomas Elvira Levy

Howard Sturges ('Sturge') Sean Klotsman

Edgar Montillion Woolley ('Monty') Mike Owen-Burke

Parisienne 'Madam' Brenda Rowe

Maid Chris Meck

Produced by Jacqui Mason Musical Director Brenda Rowe

Stage Manager Frances Cattermole
Stage Assistants Susan Oliver Chris Meck
Costumes and Hats Jacqui Mason & Susan Oliver
Set Design Chris Meck
Set Construction & Stage Décor Muthaiga Country Club
Sound Systems Dinesh Parekh
Poster Design Sean Klotsman

## **PROGRAMME**

Scene 1	A Rehearsal Theatre in New York
Scene 2	On a Paris Street
Scene 3	Cole's Fifth Avenue Apartment (after the opening night of the show 'Paris
Scene 4	A Night Club in New York
Scene 5	Cole's Fifth Avenue Apartment (four years later)
Scene 6	Hollywood - Outside MGM's Studio
	INTERVAL

Scene 1	A Night Club in New York
Scene 2	Ethel Merman's Birthday Party
Scene 3	Cole's Home - 'Buxton Hill' in Williamstown, Mass.
Scene 4	'Buxton Hill' - some time later
Scene 5	Theatre Dress Rehearsal
Scene 6	'Buxton Hill' - several months later
Scene 7	'Buxton Hill' - six months later
Scene 8	Finale - A Rehearsal Theatre

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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The Chefs and Kitchen Staff for the excellent food

Charles and Michael for front of House management

The Teams of Waiters and Waitresses from catering

The Bar staff

Total Escapade for the loan of a 'maid dress'

'Bobbe's Bistro' for table and chairs

Leonard Mansfield for styling hair