

To News Room:  
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### **PLAYERS OF UTICA opens the 99<sup>th</sup> Season on October 7th**

**Utica, NY** – It's opening night of a new show on Broadway and the producer, Julia Budder, is throwing a lavish party in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs, the celebrities flow in, but the real action is upstairs, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out in the producer's bedroom, waiting for the reviews to come in. What could be more exciting or funny? - Especially when the director is a kleptomaniac, the leading lady is a paranoid drug addict, the help, Gus, wants to wear Lauren Bacall's mink coat and Joan Rivers is bitten in the mouth by a dog named Torch? And that's only the beginning as all the theatre people in Terrence McNally's farce called "It's Only a Play" wait for the opening night critic's reviews to appear in the papers. And don't forget the NYC lady cab driver that delivers the paper and pizza! Join in the hilarity and satire of all that is theatre, live on-stage!

The cast includes a group of Players of Utica veterans along with a few new comers to the stage (pictured below).

The production dates are as follows:

October 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 pm  
October 9 at 2:00 pm  
at Players of Utica Theatre  
1108 State St, Utica

For tickets and reservations visit:

[www.playersofutica.org](http://www.playersofutica.org) or call  
1-888-663-3729

This production contains adult language and situations and is not intended for children.

Four Seasons Landscape Management, Northeast Excavating, PJ Green, Serianni signs and The Scalise Family sponsor the 2011-2012 Season.

**About Players of Utica:** Players of Utica, a non-profit community theatre, has been continuously producing shows in Central NY since 1913. We have entertained more than 1 million individuals with first-class community theatre. Players of Utica is an equal opportunity community theatre organization. For more information, a complete history, and to support or participate in Players of Utica, visit our web site at [www.playersofutica.org](http://www.playersofutica.org).



The cast of "it's Only a Play":  
(back row left to right) Ryan Oliver (Gus), Melissa Brass (Julia), Justin Zaceck (Peter),  
Tina Yourno (Emma), James Davall (Frank), Bill Kisner (Ira).  
(front row left to right) Michele O'Neil (Virginia), Peter Loftus (James)