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## ***Mary à la carte* Serves Up Comedy at Hennepin Theatre Trust's New Century Theatre, March 22-April 15, 2012**

***Tickets Go On Sale at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13***

**MINNEAPOLIS—*Mary à la carte***, the sassy waitress serving up USDA choice tales from her outrageous family, plays Minneapolis by popular demand at Hennepin Theatre Trust's **New Century Theatre, Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, April 15, 2012**. Written and performed by Mary Vander Leest, this one-woman comedy sensation showcases "off the menu" improvisation at Mary's Home Cooking Diner mixed with audience participation. The show sold out its premiere run at the Bryant Lake Bowl and has remained a top attraction on return visits. **Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012**. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit [www.HennepinTheatreTrust.org](http://www.HennepinTheatreTrust.org) or call 1.800.982.2787.

Growing up in Wisconsin, Mary Vander Leest honed her waitressing skills at Don's Boy Blue and Buddy Squirrel's Nut Shop in Milwaukee while her father regaled her with his unconventional take on the extended family's foibles. When her husband announced in 2004 that he had booked the Bryant Lake Bowl for her, Vander Leest turned her personal history into a menu of stories and debuted the show at the south Minneapolis venue.

The audience is invited to "order" from a cornucopia of menu items including the "Maple Glazed Ham," which prompts an entertaining account of her yearlong stint as the Wisconsin Maple Syrup Queen, or "Brownie Surprise," an incident involving her mother and pot brownies. *Mary à la carte* is directed by local actor Phil Losacker, who has previously directed the show and has also performed with Twin Cities companies including the Park Square Theatre and Minneapolis Musical Theater Company.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

*Mary à la carte* runs **Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, April 15, 2012** at Hennepin Theatre Trust's New Century Theatre (615 Hennepin Avenue, Mpls., 55403). The performance schedule varies, please visit our website for a full list of dates. There will be no shows from April 2 through April 11. **General admission tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012**. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$18 for students with valid i.d. All prices include applicable facility fees. Additional charges may apply. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounts and should call 612.455.9501 for information and reservations. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the New Century Theatre, online at [HennepinTheatreTrust.org](http://HennepinTheatreTrust.org) or through Ticketmaster by calling 1.800.982.2787 or visiting a Ticketmaster Ticket Center. **Note: Tickets are not being sold at the State Theatre Box Office.**

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Hennepin Theatre Trust, non-profit owner of the historic Orpheum, State, Pantages and the newly developed New Century Theatres, is devoted to enriching the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the Twin Cities.

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