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PRESS RELEASE

Feminist Theatre Company at the Citizens'

Monstrous Regiment in

GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

by **Bryony Lavery** after Anita Loos.

Tuesday 12th - Saturday 16th February at 7.30 p.m.

Monstrous Regiment is a group of professional theatre workers organised cooperatively, sharing skills, to provide a high standard touring theatre all over Britain. The impetus for the group was the emergence of the women's movement which had exposed "natural" roles to questioning. They want to challenge and provoke, disturbing their audience while they entertain.

In their present show we see what happens when Ms. Loreli Lee and Ms. Dorothy Dempsey are invited to present a touring version of Ms. Lee's notorious diary *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*.

They step straight out of 1925 with fun, laughter and music into 1980 to find that things have not changed too much, but they have a hard time convincing the feminist girls of Monstrous Regiment that diamonds really are a girl's best friend.

The Company includes Paul Abrahams, Chris Bowler, Josefina Cupido, Gillian Hanna, Gabrielle Harding, Mary McCusker, John Slade, directed by Angela Hopkins, music by Paul Abrahams and Josefina Cupido, designed by Mary Moore and choreography by Eva Darlow.

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