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### PLS GOES MEDIEVAL ON THE FEBRUARY BLAHS!

Poculi Ludique Societas (PLS) presents:  
Three Farces From Three Lands

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At this time of year, it feels as though spring may never arrive, while the bustling energy of the Christmas season has dimmed to a distant memory. Short, cold and grey days make us all want to bundle up and hunker down like hermits and just stay home. Poculi Ludique Societas is offering up an antidote to these February blahs with a triple bill comprised of three 16th-century farces from Germany, Flanders and England:

*The Stolen Shrovetide Cock* by Hans Sachs  
*The Farce of the Fisherman* by Cornelis Everaert  
*John John the Husband* by John Heywood

Mid-February marks the sombre beginning of Lent, but the lead-up to this period gives way to frolicking Carnival—also known as Shrovetide. Historically, Carnival has been a time when societal hierarchies are festively inverted, giving way to a temporary relaxing of propriety. PLS's production picks up the Carnival mood with a bawdy look at what comes after the "happily ever after" of romantic comedies. While the plays take place in different cultures with protagonists stuck in varying farcical situations, "all three share a typical comedic view of marriage among the peasantry" of that time, says PLS Artistic Director, Linda Phillips.

Poculi Ludique Societas has been producing medieval and renaissance drama for over 45 years and operates in affiliation with the Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies at the University of Toronto. PLS's robust productions have had lasting appeal with general audiences and are of particular interest to scholars and students of drama, theatre and social history.

#### Performance dates:

Friday, February 8 at 8pm

Saturday, February 9 at 8pm

Sunday, February 10 at 2pm

Tickets: \$20 adult • \$15 senior • \$10 student

Reservations: 416-978-7986

Location: Studio Theatre, 4 Glen Morris Street, Toronto

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