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Missouri History Museum presents the West End Players Guild production of *Just a Song at Twilight*

ST. LOUIS, MO (September 26, 2011) – “The most fascinating and entertaining master class in American pop musical history during the era of vaudeville you're ever likely to see. Chuck tells us stories from back in the day and then sings us the songs his mother sang to him. This music is beautiful.”

That’s how critic Andrea Braun summarized an earlier production of Chuck Lavazzi’s *Just a Song at Twilight: The Golden Age of Vaudeville*. The veteran broadcaster, actor and theatre critic brings his acclaimed one-man cabaret show back to life on October 6 as the opening show of the Missouri History Museum’s Performing Arts Series. Tim Schall directs the show, with musical arrangements by Neal Richardson. Carol Schmidt is pianist and music director.

Just a Song at Twilight will be produced for the Museum by West End Players Guild, and will be presented at the Museum’s E. Desmond Lee Auditorium. There will be eight performances through October 16, with shows at 8:00 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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Lavazzi's joyous show looks back at an era that's not as bygone as you might think, when Americans put away the cares of the world by reveling in the often-bawdy comedy, incredible variety and unforgettable songs of the vaudeville stage. Audiences will get re-acquainted with standards like "Shine On Harvest Moon," laugh along with comedy classics like "Last Night on the Back Porch," take a fresh new look at sentimental favorites like "Love's Old Sweet Song" and learn the remarkable story behind the composition of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis." Warning: Patrons should be prepared to sing along.

Tickets for *Just a Song at Twilight* are available through the Missouri History Museum box office, or may be purchased online by clicking [here](#). Tickets are \$20 per person, with discounted tickets available to Museum members, students, senior citizens, military personnel and groups. For more information on tickets and discounts, call the Museum at (314) 361-9017, or visit www.mohistory.org. Please note that West End Players Guild will not sell tickets for this show, and it is not part of the WEPG season ticket package.

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Chuck Lavazzi