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The Gallery Players presents

A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

Music by Stephen Flaherty, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Book by Terrence McNally
Directed by Hans Friedrichs

STARS OF 'PETER AND THE STARCATCHER' AND 'WICKED' FIRST NAT'L TOUR CAST IN GALLERY'S 'A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE'

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Gallery Players proudly announces cast and crew for the first New York City revival of *A Man of No Importance*. The Gallery Players has reunited the creative team of last season's 4-time NYIT Award winning revival of *The Drowsy Chaperone* for their first production of 2012. Directed by Hans Friedrichs and produced by Robert Earle Jones, *A Man of No Importance* opens at The Gallery Players Saturday January 28.

This musical by the Tony Award®-winning team behind *Ragtime* tells the story of Alfie Byrne, a bus conductor in 1964 Dublin who is struggling with a secret he can't even admit to himself: he is gay. When he's not driving his route, Alfie pursues his artistic passion and directs theatrical productions for a local troupe in a church hall. He is soon forced to confront his fears, shame and the bigotry of others. Winner of the 2003 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, *A Man of No Importance* is a tender and beautifully woven tale of family, friendship and acceptance, teaching us that it really is a wonderful thing to "love who you love."

A Man of No Importance features a cast that frequents Off-Broadway, National Tours and The Gallery Players: Renee Claire Bergeron* (NATL TOUR: *Whistle Down The Wind*); Eric Folks; Rachel Green; Greg Horton* (OFF-BWAY: *With Glee*; TGP: *Reefer Madness, Oliver!*); Julianne Katz (NATL TOUR: Hodel in *Fiddler On The Roof*); Adam Kee (*In The Heat Of The Night, Godlight*); Lorinne Lampert* (TGP: *The Drowsy Chaperone, Top Of The Heap*); Eric William Love* (OFF-BWAY: *Peter And The Starcatcher, New York Theatre Workshop, Band Geeks, Goodspeed*); Lesley McKinnell* (1st NATL TOUR: *Wicked*); Jake Mendes; Eric Morris*; Sean Patrick Murtagh* (*Jekyll And Hyde, Westchester Broadway*); Charlie Owens* (*Evita, La Cage Aux Folles, New London Barn Playhouse*); John Weigand* (OFF-BWAY: *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn, TGP: Caroline, Or Change, NATL TOUR: The Sound Of Music*); Megan Opalinski (OFF-BWAY: *Oh Lady, Lady!, Mademoiselle Modiste, Musicals Tonight*); Danny Randerson and Spencer Robinson. **Appearing courtesy Actor's Equity Association.*

A Man of No Importance is directed by Hans Friedrichs and produced by Robert Earle Jones for The Gallery Players. The Musical Director is Julianne Merrill, musical staging is by Christine O'Grady the Scenic Designer is Kate Rance, and the costumes are designed by Sarah Cogan. The Lighting Designer is Dan Jobbins, the Sound Designer is Julian Evans, Daniel Heffernan is the Video/Projections Designer, the Properties Designer is Jackie Rivera and the Production Stage Manager is Andrew Goddard.

A Man of No Importance opens Saturday, January 28 at 8pm and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Saturdays at 2 and Sundays at 3pm through Sunday, February 19.

Tickets to *A Man of No Importance* are \$18 for adults, \$14 for Seniors & Children 12 and under. Individual tickets can be purchased by calling TheaterMania at (212) 352-3101, or online at www.galleryplayers.com. The Gallery Players is located at 199 14th St., between 4th and 5th Aves. in



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A New York institution since 1967, The Gallery Players has served actors and audiences alike for more than 4 decades by showcasing burgeoning new talent and offering a home base for theater professionals. Its eclectic programming of intimate revivals and ambitious new work in inventive productions has earned it the reputation of "New York's Best Kept Secret." The Gallery Players is the recipient of the Off-Off Broadway Review's 2000 Award for Lifetime Achievement and was the recipient of New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Production of a Musical in 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2011 for their productions of *Urinetown! the musical*, *Yank! A New Musical*, *Like You Like It* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The Gallery Players' production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* also took home awards for Outstanding Costume Design, Choreography and Ensemble. Among the theatre's famous alumni are founding member Harvey Fierstein; Broadway regulars Nancy Anderson, Jeffrey Denman and Diedre Goodwin; New York theater personality Seth Rudetsky and many others.

The Gallery Players' 45th Season continues in 2012 with *A Raisin in the Sun*, March 17-April 1, 2012; *Wonderful Town*, April 28 - May 20, 2012 and *The 15th Annual Black Box New Play Festival* runs May 31-June 24, 2012.

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