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THE GALLERY PLAYERS CELEBRATES 45TH SEASON

**THE GALLERY PLAYERS PRESENTS WORKS BY CRAIG LUCAS, DOUGLAS CARTER
BEANE AND TERRENCE MCNALLY IN 2011-2012**

(NEW YORK, NY) – Brooklyn’s award-winning Off-Off Broadway theatre celebrates its 45th season beginning September 2011. The independent theatre institution boasts a lineup fitting of 45 years of bringing Broadway to Brooklyn, presenting: the first New York City revival of *The Little Dog Laughed*, followed by *Little Shop of Horrors*, Craig Lucas’ *Reckless*, *A Man of No Importance*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Wonderful Town* and *The 15th Annual Black Box New Play Festival*.

The Gallery Players opens its 45th Season this September with the first New York City revival of the smash hit, *The Little Dog Laughed*. Three-time Tony® nominee Douglas Carter Beane’s “bitingly funny” play is a pull-no-punches look at the film biz, and what it takes to be a movie star when coming out of the closet is the farthest thing from being in. *The Little Dog Laughed* runs **September 10-25, 2011**.

Charming, tuneful and hilarious, *Little Shop of Horrors* is an affectionate spoof of 1950s era B-movie sci-fi flicks. One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, *Little Shop of Horrors* has become a house-hold name thanks to a highly successful film version and a lively Motown rock ‘n’ roll score by the legendary songwriting team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. The Gallery Players’ production of *Little Shop of Horrors* runs **October 22-November 13, 2011**.

At home on Christmas Eve, Rachel is informed by her guilty husband that he has hired a hit man to kill her and she must flee for her life, which she does by scrambling out the kitchen window and into the snowy night. She then begins a series of picaresque escapades involving numerous psychiatrists, a TV game show and her own increasingly shaky sanity. Craig Lucas’ *Reckless* was hailed as “a bittersweet Christmas fable for our time,” by The New York Times. *Reckless* runs at The Gallery Players **December 3-18, 2011**.

2012 at The Gallery Players opens with a musical by the Tony Award®-winning team behind Ragtime, *A Man of No Importance*. 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*, with Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Music by Stephen Flaherty and Book by Terrence McNally, runs **January 28-February 19, 2012**.

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry comes to The Gallery Players in spring 2012. This groundbreaking play set on Chicago’s South Side revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family. The tensions and prejudice they face form the backbone of this seminal American drama about retaining one’s dignity within a harsh and changing world. *A Raisin in the Sun* runs **March 17-April 1, 2012**.

The winner of five 1953 Tony Awards including Best Musical closes out The Gallery Players 45th main stage season. *Wonderful Town* is about the adventures and misadventures of two sisters who move from small-town Ohio to the bohemia of 1935 Greenwich Village. With a glorious score of swinging tunes by Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, *Wonderful Town* is the quintessential New York musical comedy about tackling your dreams and finding love in the most unexpected places. *Wonderful Town* runs



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April 28 - May 20, 2012.

The Black Box New Play Festival is The Gallery Players' signature season-ending festival of new works by both new and established playwrights. More than 400 plays have graced the festival stage in its 15 year history, including Nat Cassidy's *The Reckoning of Kit and Little Boots*, a New York Innovative Theatre Award-winner for Best Play in 2008. **The 15th Annual Black Box New Play Festival runs May 31-June 24, 2012.**

Tickets to **The Gallery Players' 45th season** are \$18 for adults, \$14 for Seniors & Children 12 and under. Season Subscriptions start at \$110. Individual tickets and subscriptions 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 Park Slope, Brooklyn. Take the F Train to 4th Ave. or the R Train to 9th Street. By car: BQE to Hamilton Avenue to 14th Street.

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 for their productions of *Urinetown! the musical*, *Yank! A New Musical*, and *Like You Like It*. Among its 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.

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