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The Gallery Players presents
WONDERFUL TOWN

Music by Leonard Bernstein, Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green,
Book by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov
Directed by Mark Harborth

THE GALLERY PLAYERS CLOSSES 2011-2012 MAINSTAGE SEASON WITH 'WONDERFUL TOWN'

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Gallery Players swings into spring with their production of *Wonderful Town*. Directed by Mark Harborth and produced by Heather Siobhan Curran, The Gallery Players' revival of this classic New York musical comedy opens **Saturday, April 28 at 8pm**.

This delightful staple of the musical theatre canon is about the adventures and misadventures of two sisters who move from small-town Ohio to the bohemia of 1935 Greenwich Village. Eileen is gorgeous, sweet and an aspiring actress with men falling at her feet. Ruth, while a gifted writer, is average, brazen and has a talent for repelling gentlemen callers. 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* is the winner of five Tony Awards in 1953 including Best Musical.

The Gallery Players' (TGP) *Wonderful Town* stars Molly Pope (TGP: *King Lear*; *Almost Maine*, Cortland Repertory) as Ruth and Laurie Sutton as her sister Eileen. The cast also features Brian Bailey* (Nat'l Tour: *CATS*; *The Wizard of Oz*), Monica Bradley, Nathan Brisby* (TGP: *The Who's Tommy*; *The Pillowman*, APAC), Ronn Burton (Iron Curtain Prospect Theater Company; TGP: *Top of the Heap*), Mark Cajigao* (*Shadow of Himself*, Rabbit Hole Ensemble), Angela Dirksen (TGP: *Man of La Mancha*; *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*), Brad Giovanine*, A J Hughes* (Nat'l Tour: *White Christmas*), Maureen Kelley, Adam Kemmerer, Matthew Warner Kiernan*, Maggie Marino, Alida Michal*, Alex Pagels, Will Roland (*The Bus*, 59E59) and Lindsay Sutton*

*Appearing courtesy Actors' Equity Association.

Mark Harborth directs *Wonderful Town* (TGP: *Macbeth*; *Chess*), and the producer is Heather Siobhan Curran for The Gallery Players (TGP's Artistic Director, Producer: NYIT Award-winning *Like You Like It*; *Oliver!*). The musical director is Kevin Lawson (TGP: NYIT Award-winning *The Drowsy Chaperone*), the choreographers are Elyse Daye Hart and Trey Mitchell (TGP: actor, *The Drowsy Chaperone*; Nat'l Tour: *Wonderful Town*). Casting by Ian Lowe Casting, the production stage manager is Becky J. Doster. Costumes are designed by Jevyn Nelms, the set is designed by William Davis (Albany's Park Playhouse; Florida's Herb Strauss Theater), lighting is designed by Scott Cally, the sound is designed by Josh Millican and the properties master is Sara Slagle.

Wonderful Town opens **Saturday, April 28** at 8pm and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, final two Saturdays at 2 and Sundays at 3pm **through Sunday, May 20**.

Tickets to *Wonderful Town* 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.

Next up at The Gallery Players: ***The 15th Annual Black Box New Play Festival*** running May 31-June 24, 2012.

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