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**A CHORUS LINE OPENS IN SEPTEMBER AT THE GALLERY PLAYERS**

Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY – Gallery Players kicks off its 52nd season with *A CHORUS LINE*, music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward Kleban and book by James Kirkwood Jr. and Nicholas Dante.

*A CHORUS LINE*, one of the most popular and successful American musicals of all time, plays directly into the values that are deeply rooted in the American psyche: the everyman putting himself on the line for a chance at a dream. Giving audience members the chance to feel like they are invisible eavesdroppers in the rarefied and exclusive world of an actual Broadway audition, the Gallery Players' production in an intimate, 99-seat theater will heighten this sense of authenticity, allowing audiences to share the suspense of the auditioning dancers while literally watching them sweat it out in real time. The show features such powerhouse numbers as "What I Did for Love," "One," and "I Hope I Get It." A brilliant, complex fusion of song, dance and drama, *A CHORUS LINE* was revolutionary when it opened on Broadway in 1975 and was instantly recognized as a classic.

Director Tom Rowan, who previously staged the Gallery Players' productions of *Master Class* and *A Little Night Music*, researched the history of the show for years before being commissioned to write the 2015 book *A Chorus Line FAQ: All That's Left to Know About Broadway's Singular Sensation*. He also directed the award-winning 40th Anniversary New York production of the show at The Secret Theatre. Choreographer Eddie Gutierrez, who played Paul in one of the national tours and in several regional productions, is teaching Gallery's cast the original Broadway choreography, which he has studied with several members of the original cast and production team. The memorable score will be played by a live band led by Musical Director Jason Liebson.

*A CHORUS LINE* opens Saturday, September 8th and runs for 16 performances through September 30th. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8PM, Sundays at 3PM, with additional Saturday matinees on September 22nd and 29th at 2PM.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for seniors over 65 and children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com) or by calling Ovationtix at 212-352-3101. *A CHORUS LINE* is an approved Actors' Equity Association showcase.

Bringing *A CHORUS LINE* to the Gallery stage is Producer, Dominic Cuskern; Director, Tom Rowan; Choreographer, Eddie Gutierrez (National Tour); Music Director, Jason Liebson; Costume Designer, Antonio Consuegra; Set Designer, William B. Sawyer; Lighting Designer, Paul T. Kennedy; Props Designer, Gabrielle Giacomo; Production Stage Manager, Michael J. Tosto\*; Assistant Stage Manager, Elizabeth Fontaine; and an ensemble featuring Michael J. Baugh, Adrian Grace Bumpas, Ben Carlson, Emily Cochraine, Jay DeYonker, Danielle Flood, Melissa Glasgow\*, Shiloh Goodin\*, Evan Hussey, Minji Kim\*, Tara Kostmayer, Eli Douglas LaCroix, Matthew Aaron Liotine\*, Matt Lynn\*, Staci Merritt, Anthony Obnial,

Aramie Payton\*, Steven Rada\*, Sarah Reynolds, Caleb Schaaf, Caroline Schmidt, Rachel Shafran, Brian Vestal\*, and Elizabeth L. Worley.

(\*Equity member appearing with permission of Actors' Equity Association without benefit of an Equity contract in this Off-Off Broadway production)

**The upcoming Gallery season includes:**

*ANNA IN THE TROPICS* by Nilo Cruz: Oct. 20 - Nov. 4

*APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH* by Agatha Christie: Dec. 1 - 16

*BLACK BOX NEW PLAY FESTIVAL*: Jan. 10 - 27

*ONCE UPON A MATTRESS*, music by Mary Rodgers; lyrics by Marshall Barer; book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller & Marshall Barer: Feb. 22 - Mar. 17

*STEEL MAGNOLIAS* by Robert Harling: Apr. 13 - 28

*SPRING AWAKENING*, music by Duncan Sheik; book & lyrics by Steven Sater: May 18 - June 9

The Gallery Players is located at 199 14th Street (between 4th and 5th Avenues), in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Take the F or G train to 4th Avenue or the R train to 9th Street. By car: the BQE to Hamilton Avenue, to 14th Street. Website: <http://galleryplayers.com>

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