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Bucks County Playhouse Veterans Event

Bucks County Neighbors Collaborate to Recognize and Treat Our Veteran Community To Production of “Guys & Dolls” - July 30, 2017

New Hope, PA – (July 11, 2017) – A collaboration has been formed in Bucks County to support Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. **The Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce** joins with **Bucks County Playhouse** to present **A Playhouse Salute to Our Veteran Community** on Sunday, July 30, 2017. As part of the salute, veterans will be treated to the matinee performance of the Playhouse’s upcoming production of Frank Loesser’s classic Broadway musical “Guys & Dolls” as well as a picnic catered by the Logan Inn of New Hope.

The Lead Sponsor for the event is **Doylestown Health**, with additional sponsorship by the **Central Bucks Family YMCA** and the **Logan Inn**. Also supporting this salute is the **New Hope Chamber of Commerce** and **Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce**. A portion of the proceeds from tickets sold to the matinee at the Playhouse also will benefit the event.

A Salute to Our Veteran Community invites 100 veterans of the United States Armed Forces to be the special guests at the show, followed by a BBQ picnic hosted by New Hope’s historic **Logan Inn**. Veterans are being invited through various non-profit Veterans organizations throughout the region. An active duty veteran, IS1 Kelly Corcoron of Philadelphia who served in Afghanistan in 2011-2012 and is working on her MBA at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, will be recognized at the event.

Dr. Vail P. Garvin, President & CEO of **Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce**, and their Board of Directors are thrilled about this new partnership between the Chamber and the Playhouse and the support they are getting from the **New Hope Chamber** and the **Delaware River Towns Chamber** as well as **Logan Inn**. She said, “It is indeed a privilege to be working with Alex Fraser and the staff of the Bucks County Playhouse. Our shared commitment to Veterans is truly a Community Salute to America and the service men and women who protect our freedom every day. We are delighted to bring the culture of the historic Playhouse to the Veterans. I sincerely thank **Jim Donahue** and **Larry Rubini** for helping us reach out to the Veterans in the Army, Navy and Marines. We hope it’s the beginning of an annual Salute.”

Alexander Fraser, Producing Director of **Bucks County Playhouse**, said, “Vail and I have been speaking about a salute to veterans since the first time we met three years ago, and I’m thrilled to join **Central Bucks Chamber** in creating this event. We hope this year’s Salute will be the first in a series of annual

programs as an expression of gratitude for U.S. veterans' service to our country. We sincerely thank our sponsors, and **New Hope Chamber** and **Delaware River Towns Chamber** as well as **Logan Inn** for joining in this first-year Salute."

Tickets to "Guys and Dolls" range from \$40 - \$75, with special rates for groups of 10 or more. For complete details, and to purchase tickets, please visit buckscountyplyhouse.org, call 215-862-2121, or visit the box office at 70 South Main Street, New Hope, PA.

ABOUT BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

Bucks County Playhouse, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, is the oldest and largest professional Equity performing arts center in Bucks County. Under the direction of Tony Award-winning producers, Alexander Fraser and Robyn Goodman, the Playhouse provides first class professional theatrical entertainment as well as community events, partnerships and arts education programming for visitors and residents of New Hope, Doylestown, Lambertville and the Delaware Valley.

Located between Philadelphia and New York, Bucks County Playhouse opened in 1939 in a converted 1790 gristmill after a group of community activists, led by Broadway orchestrator Don Walker and playwright Moss Hart, rallied to save the building. The Playhouse quickly became one of the country's most famous regional theaters, featuring a roster of American theatrical royalty including Helen Hayes, Kitty Carlisle, George S. Kaufman, Grace Kelly, Robert Redford, Angela Lansbury, Neil Simon, Liza Minnelli and Audra McDonald and remained in continuous operation until December 2010. In 2012, the Playhouse re-opened thanks to the efforts of the Bridge Street Foundation, the nonprofit family foundation of Kevin and Sherri Daugherty, and Broadway producer Jed Bernstein.

Since its renovation, significant productions include Terrence McNally's "Mothers and Sons" starring Tyne Daly, which moved to Broadway and was nominated for two Tony Awards, and "Misery" by William Goldman based on the Stephen King novel which also went on to a Broadway run in the 2015-16 season. Two of the Playhouse's recent productions -- "Company" starring Justin Guarini, and William Finn's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" -- were named by Wall Street Journal to its "Best of Theatre" list for 2015. The Playhouse's productions of "Steel Magnolias" and "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" broke box office records in 2016. Thanks to the Bridge Street Foundation and its vision for the New Hope waterfront, the Playhouse is currently adding a 4,000 square foot riverfront cafe and bar set to open in 2018.

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