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**QUEENS THEATRE
ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 SEASON**

*Season includes an exciting new musical, a re-imagined holiday classic
and a troupe of breathtaking acrobats direct from China*

FLUSHING, NY (August 10, 2011) - Queens Theatre, the premier venue for the performing arts in the borough of Queens, announces its 2011/2012 season of theatre, dance and exciting special events. Season subscriptions are on sale now at the Queens Theatre box office or by calling 718-760-0064.

"I am thrilled to be announcing my inaugural season with Queens Theatre," said **Ray Cullom**, Queens Theatre's new Executive Director. "We have the premiere of a new Broadway-bound musical, a brand new look at a classic holiday tale, an enchanting journey through the great American songbook – plus special artists and events that will knock your socks off!"

Additional theatre, dance and special event presentations will be announced in the fall.

THEATRE SERIES

CHIX 6

September 27-October 30, 2011

An original musical from indie rock sensation--and Queens native--Lourds Lane about a comic book artist who is rescued by her own superheroine characters when an unhealthy relationship threatens to extinguish her creative spark. Leaping off the page, the characters come to life and teach the vulnerable artist how to find inner strength, each in their own unique way. Featuring a Tony Award-winning creative team and a dazzling original score, the touching story, multimedia wizardry and electrifying music will captivate the eye, ear, and heart. (Tickets \$30-\$49)

'S WONDERFUL: THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL

November 3-13, 2011

Five mini-musicals take audiences on an all-singing, all-dancing ride to the places and times that made the Gershwins the most successful songwriting team in musical history. Featuring more than 40 classic hits including "I Got Rhythm," "Someone To Watch Over Me," and "They Can't Take That Away From Me," 'S Wonderful will have you tapping your toes to the fascinating rhythms of George & Ira Gershwin. (Tickets \$39-\$44)

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: THE LIVE RADIO PLAY**December 14-24, 2011**

Celebrate the season with the heartwarming holiday classic re-imagined as a live 1940's radio broadcast. A cast of five actors bring George Bailey and the townspeople of Bedford Falls to life, playing dozens of different characters and performing all the sound effects, just as they did during the golden age of radio. Don't miss this special holiday event the Chicago Tribune called "The best holiday choice around!" (Tickets \$39-\$44)

DANCE SERIES

PARSONS DANCE**Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 11, 2011**

For more than 25 years, this internationally renowned company under the artistic direction of dancer/choreographer David Parsons has been building new audiences for contemporary dance by creating engaging and uplifting works of extraordinary artistry. (Tickets \$46)

PHILADANCO**Saturday, March 17 & Sunday, March 18, 2012**

Founded in 1970, PHILADANCO—the Philadelphia Dance Company—is celebrated around the world for its innovation, creativity and preservation of African-American traditions in dance and recognized for its artistic integrity, superbly trained dancers and electrifying performances. (Tickets \$46)

VIVER BRASIL DANCE COMPANY**Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15, 2012**

Founded in 1997 by Co-Artistic directors Linda Yudin and Luiz Badaró, Viver Brazil is an award-winning dance company committed to increasing awareness and appreciation of traditional and contemporary forms of Afro-Brazilian dance and music. (Tickets \$46)

SPECIAL EVENTS

MELISSA MANCHESTER**Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 2pm & 8pm**

The Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter in a special concert event. (Tickets \$44; Producer's Circle \$60*)

PAULA POUNDSTONE**Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 7pm & 9pm**

The comedian brings her unique brand of comedy to Flushing Meadows for one night only. (Tickets \$44; Producer's Circle \$60*)

SPANISH HARLEM ORCHESTRA**Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 2pm & 6pm**

The Grammy Award-winning Latin jazz combo performs a special holiday-themed program. (Tickets \$39)

GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS

Tuesday, Dec 27-Saturday, Dec 31, 2011

Special Holiday Week performances: 2pm & 7pm each day

Direct from China comes this troupe of death-defying acrobats, mesmerizing jugglers and eye-popping contortionists that will leave the whole family cheering for more. Spend your holiday week with this thrilling Chinese cirque in their only New York area appearance!

(Tickets \$32; Family 4-Pack \$100)

** PRODUCER'S CIRCLE: available during our special event presentations, these tickets include prime seating (Row A & B, center) plus a complimentary glass of champagne.*

Subscriptions to our Theatre and Dance Series are on sale now and include a host of benefits: prime seating that's the same for every performance in the series; the ability to exchange tickets for another performance of the same show; and an automatic discount on single tickets to any Queens Theatre production. To purchase a subscription, call the box office at 718-760-0064 or visit us in person.

Single tickets for the entire season go on sale Tuesday, September 6 and will be available:

* **Online** at www.queenstheatre.org.

* **By phone** at 718-760-0064, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm & Sun 10am-3pm

* **In person** at the Queens Theatre box office in Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Queens Theatre, under the artistic leadership of Executive Director Ray Cullom, is the premier home for international music, theatre and dance in the borough of Queens. Originally designed by Philip Johnson as part of the historic New York State Pavilion for the 1964 World's Fair, the theatre is a vibrant performing arts center committed to presenting world-class entertainment that reflects the diversity of New York's largest borough. With three performance spaces, the theatre plays host to a variety of performances throughout the year, from cabaret to comedy, including popular Latino Cultural Festival and the Immigrant Voices Project, a program that seeks out emerging playwrights and develops plays that represent the rich cultural diversity of the city.

Queens Theatre is located at 14 United Nations Avenue South in Flushing Meadows Corona Park and is easily accessible by car, bus or subway.

By Subway: Take the 7 train to Mets-Willets Point and hop on our free shuttle bus that stops on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue beginning one hour prior to curtain.

By Car: Take the Grand Central Parkway East to exit 9E (from Manhattan) or West to 9P (from Long Island) and follow the signs for theatre parking. Parking is free.

For more information, visit www.queenstheatre.org.

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