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Cape May Stage Unveils Spectacular Lineup for 35th Anniversary Season

Cape May, NJ - Cape May Stage proudly announces its 35th anniversary season as Cape May's premier professional theater. We invite you to join us as we present our 2024 season filled with award-winning plays that will entertain you, make you feel, and make you think, all while enjoying an intimate theatrical experience in the historic Robert Shackleton Playhouse.

Artistic Director Roy Steinberg expressed his enthusiasm about this upcoming season, stating that "We are thrilled to celebrate our 35th anniversary season with such an exceptional lineup of productions. And we invite theatergoers to join us for what promises to be a season filled with unforgettable performances."

Launching the season on June 5th is *Becoming Dr. Ruth* by Mark St. Germain and directed by Roy Steinberg. This compelling play chronicles the remarkable journey of Karola Siegel, who became best known as Dr. Ruth Westheimer, an iconic sex therapist. Filled with remarkable stories of Dr. Ruth's escape from the Nazis as a child, her time as a sniper in Jerusalem, and her courageous pursuit of success in America as a single mother, "Becoming Dr. Ruth" delivers humor, honesty, and a triumphant spirit.

Becoming Dr Ruth runs June 5th - June 30th

Up next, a limited one week run of *Rita Hayworth - The Heat Is On!* starring Quinn Lemley begins on July 6th. This critically acclaimed show is about the life of Rita Hayworth, the star that built Columbia Pictures. It's a humorous, heartfelt and heartbreaking celebration of a remarkable life told with humor, wit and impeccable storytelling woven with The Great American Songbook from The Golden Age of Hollywood.

Rita Hayworth - The Heat is On! runs July 6th - July 12th

The New Jersey Premiere of the play Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson – Apt. 2B by Kate Hamill and directed by Roy Steinberg, opens on July 17th. This fast-paced, comedic, and modern reimagining of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous sleuth and sidekick explores the dynamic partnership of a new dynamic duo as they navigate a series of exhilarating adventures. Packed with non-stop laughs and hijinks galore, audiences of all ages will embark on a thrilling ride.

Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson - Apt. 2B runs July 17th - August 25th

Kicking off the fall season is the Oliver Award-winning play *Stones in His Pockets* by Marie Jones and directed by Roy Steinberg. Opening on September 11th, this entertaining story brings Hollywood to rural Ireland in a riotous clash of cultures. Set against the backdrop of a small Irish town, the story follows two local men cast as extras in a glamorous American movie. But when a

famous actress takes a shine to one of the locals and tragedy strikes, chaos ensues, leading to a hilarious collision of harsh reality and Hollywood fantasies.

Stones in His Pockets runs September 11th - October 20th

Closing out the 2024 season is the World Premiere of *The Gift of the Magi: A modern adaptation of the O. Henry Story* on November 20th. Written by Marisa Smith and directed by Roy Steinberg, this fresh adaptation of the timeless tale explores how unwavering devotion prompts unconventional sacrifices in pursuit of the perfect gift. This play is told with heart and humor, and celebrates love and sacrifice.

The Gift of the Magi runs November 20th- December 29th

In addition to the main stage shows, Cape May Stage is proud to present the **2024 Broadway Series** featuring talented singers from Broadway and beyond.

- Tony Award–nominated actress and vocalist **Melissa Errico** performs on June 1st at 7 pm
- Broadway performers **Nic & Desi** sing, dance, and share their love story on September 23rd at 7 pm
- Vocal jazz musician **Abigail Rockwell** brings her sultry sophistication to Cape May Stage for a Christmas concert on December 15th at 7 pm

Tickets are now available for all 2024 performances. And discounted three or four-play packages can be purchased for the main stage shows. For more information on any of these events call the box office at 609-770-8311 or visit the website at www.capemaystage.org. Don't miss a single moment of this very special 2024 season. To view a four minute video of Mr. Steinberg announcing this season's lineup, visit the Cape May Stage YouTube Channel.

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Since 1989, Cape May Stage's mission has been to produce compelling and impactful theater that engages audiences and enriches their lives. Located in the Robert Shackleton Playhouse on the corner of Bank and Lafayette Streets in the heart of historic downtown Cape May, NJ, Cape May Stage is dedicated to producing diverse, contemporary theater in the nation's oldest seaside resort. For more information, visit www.capemaystage.org or contact Cape May Stage at info@capemaystage.org. To stay connected, follow us on Facebook and Instagram.