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*Broadway's Smash Hit Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
Takes the Stage at Broadway Rose Theatre*



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company is proud to present ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***, a production filled with memorable songs and an inspiring true story. Preview performance is on Thursday, July 18, with opening night on **Friday, July 19**, and performances continuing through **August 18**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performances are held at the **Deb Fennell Auditorium**, located at 9000 SW Durham Road in Tigard.

Before she was hit-maker Carole King — she was Carol Joan Klein, a spunky, young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with *Tapestry*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* takes you back to where it all began.

Beautiful is the inspiring tale about a girl who became King with a stirring book by the late Oscar and Tony Award-nominated Douglas McGrath and the music and lyrics of icons Carole King, Gerry Goffin, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil. Featuring unforgettable classics as "You've Got a Friend", "One Fine Day", "So Far Away", "Take Good Care of My Baby", "Up

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on the Roof", "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling", "Will You Love Me Tomorrow", and "Natural Woman", this Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical phenomenon is filled with the songs you remember and a story you'll never forget.

Artistic Director, Sharon Maroney, is thrilled to bring this story to the Portland-area. "One of the best things about running a theater is that you get to produce shows that you know will transport your audiences," said Maroney. "This is one of those shows." Audiences can expect to be wowed with extraordinary music and impressive choreography, in addition to a captivating narrative.

The Broadway Rose production will be directed by Lyn Cramer and choreographed by Rosharra Francis, with musical direction by Billy Thompson. Scenic design is by Bryan Boyd, lighting design by Kristeen Willis, and costume design by Allison Dawe. Properties design is by Sam Manilla, and sound design is by Brian Karl Moen, with Kimberly D'Agnese as production manager, and Jessica Junor as production stage manager.

The cast comprises of Merideth Kaye Clark (Carole King), Benjamin Tissell (Gerry Goffin), Jennifer Lynn Teel (Cynthia Weil), Norman Wilson (Barry Mann), Joey Klei (Don Kirshner), Emily Sahler (Genie Klein). The ensemble comprises Kristin Alarcon (Marilyn Wald), Robert Altieri (Righteous Brother/ Neil Sedaka/ Lou Adler), Nate Ayers (Righteous Brother/ Nick/ Bobby Vee), Bree Boswell (Shirelle/ Little Eva), Darion Elie (Drifter), Chloe Evans (Shirelle), Lydia Fleming (Shirelle/ Janelle Woods), Jeff George (ensemble), Kurleen George (Shirelle/ Lucille), Belle Shippy (ensemble), Richaun Stewart (Drifter), Myles Sturns-Thomas (Drifter), Sydney Valaer (Betty), and Bryce Williams (Drifter).

Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$70 for adults (depending on date). Tickets in the upper section for ages 6-18 are \$20 and ages 19-35 are \$25. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Two \$5 tickets are available for each Oregon Trail Cardholder for this performance through the Arts for All program. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit www.broadwayrose.org, call 503.620.5262, or visit the box office at 12850 SW Grant Avenue, Tigard.

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY is Oregon's premier musical theatre company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been producing professional musical theatre in the Portland area since 1992, enriching the region's cultural life and increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts. Broadway Rose is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to keeping live theatre affordable and making its productions accessible to all members of the community.

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