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LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE HOSTS PRE-OFF-BROADWAY ENGAGEMENT OF BACK TO BABYLON

Playhouse is pleased to offer a venue in light of Cuillo Centre summer closing

LAKE WORTH, Florida (June 8, 2009) – The Lake Worth Playhouse will host the pre-Off-Broadway engagement of Gregg Tomé's BACK TO BABYLON, a critically acclaimed one-man show, featuring nine compelling characters on an unforgettable trip down a New York suburban memory lane. BACK TO BABYLON will be at the Playhouse for two performances only on June 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Originally scheduled to open at the Cuillo Centre for the Arts, BACK TO BABYLON found itself without a venue when the Cuillo announced on June 2 that it was closing its doors for the summer. Playhouse Artistic Director Jodie Dixon-Mears said, "We are so pleased to be able to provide a venue for this show on such short notice. We are a community theatre that prides itself on providing creative opportunities to local artists, and we're thrilled that we can also offer our stage to this critically acclaimed Off-Broadway-bound production. The Playhouse is a perfect space for this type of show, and this will be a wonderful treat for our audiences."

About Back to Babylon

Combining an edgy storyline, '70s rock music and imagery from the Town of Babylon, Long Island, this one-person, one-act, comedic-drama opens in a local bar where Donny is having a drink after work and discovers it's the eve of his 10-year high school reunion. When the jukebox plays a familiar song, he finds himself reminiscing about his past and reliving the experiences of his close-knit circle of buddies who struggle to define themselves amid a haze of partying and a longing to secure ties with each other and with their home town of Babylon. The show is created, written and performed by New York native, Gregg Tomé, a stage and screen actor who has performed extensively in New York, Los Angeles and South Florida.

About the Lake Worth Playhouse

The Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, reinterpretations of classics, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, concert series and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community. Season 2009-2010 main stage offerings include: Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA, Stephen Mallatratt's THE WOMAN IN BLACK, Neil Simon's BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS, Paul Kelly's SWING, Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP and Andrew Lloyd Weber's JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT.

Tickets

Tickets to BACK TO BABYLON are \$15 and can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Location

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lit parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.

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