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CYGNET THEATRE ANNOUNCES TENTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON!

***2012/2013 Season Features A Side-Splitting One-Man Show, Two Stirring Musicals,
A Return to the WCYG Studio and A Twist on a Shakespearean Classic!***

SAN DIEGO, CA - Cygnet Theatre announces the 10th Anniversary Season which will embrace the types of shows that have earned Cygnet its reputation for exciting theatre. Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt are delighted to present the 2012/2013 line-up to be performed at Cygnet Theatre in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Cygnet's tenth season offers productions that harken back to Cygnet's one-man audience-pleasers, holiday heart-warmers and thrilling musicals still being talked about today! The new season officially begins July 5th, 2012.

Cygnet's season opens with ***MAN OF LA MANCHA***, starring Sean Murray as Miguel de Cervantes. Considered one of the most enduring works of musical theatre, ***MAN OF LA MANCHA*** tells the story of Cervantes, a failed author, actor, soldier and tax collector awaiting trial by the Spanish Inquisition. His desperate attempt to prevent attacking fellow prisoners from destroying his novel leads to a unique agreement. Cervantes is permitted to act out the story within the novel, and the prisoners will decide if the tale is worthy of saving. What follows is a play within a play of a delusional man who believes himself to be the noble knight, Don Quixote. With book by Dale Wasserman, lyrics by Joe Darion and music by Mitch Leigh, ***LA MANCHA*** opened on Broadway in 1965, ran for 2,323 performances and won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The principal song "The Impossible Dream" is now a classic of the stage. Cygnet Theatre's ***MAN OF LA MANCHA*** will run **July 5th through August 26th, 2012.**

In late September, Cygnet Theatre is pleased to present beloved, veteran actor Phil Johnson in the West Coast Premiere of ***MISTAKES WERE MADE*** by Craig Wright. This hilarious, fast-paced story of a B-list Off-Broadway producer and his messy quest for success was described by New York Magazine as "Ninety furious, fulminating, very funny minutes of American hucksterism in extremis." San Diego Critics Circle Award Winner Shana Wride (*Private Lives*) will direct Johnson in Cygnet's side-splitting tour-de-force. ***MISTAKES WERE MADE*** runs **September 20th through October 21st, 2012.**

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At Cygnet Theatre, the holiday season wouldn't be complete without a trip to WCYG, Cygnet Playhouse of the Air. But this year, audiences will be treated to a new holiday classic, Charles Dickens' **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, adapted by Sean Murray. Once again the 1940's radio actors of "WCYG Theatre of the Air" will delight audiences with a "live radio broadcast" filled with music, sound effects and a wide array of treasured characters from the family-favorite. **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** visits Cygnet's Playhouse of the Air **November 23rd through December 30th, 2012.**

The new year offers something truly surprising! Cygnet has to hold off on announcing our 2013 kick-off, but stay tuned for all the upcoming details of our January/February slot. The TBA production runs **January 24th through February 24th, 2013.**

Taking place in Spring 2013, Cygnet Theatre is proud to announce **ASSASSINS**, with book by John Weidman and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Artistic Director Sean Murray has had a long-time love-affair with Sondheim's tricky musical scores and **ASSASSINS** has topped his list of productions for Cygnet's stage. The uniquely dark and funny musical, which explores the motives and inner-workings of nine individuals who assassinated or attempted to assassinate the President of the United States, is Sondheim's off-kilter exploration of the American Dream. Cygnet Theatre has staged two concert-readings of the show during its history and both received raves from Cygnet audiences. Murray is pleased to bring a full production to the stage during Cygnet's 10th Season. **ASSASSINS** will run **March 14th through April 28th, 2013.**

Cygnet Theatre will close its season with the San Diego Premiere of Joe Calarco's **SHAKESPEARE'S R & J**. Part *Dead Poets Society*, part *Lord of the Flies*, Calarco's work takes its audience to a parochial boarding school where four schoolboys discover Shakespeare's most famous love story. The NY Times described it as "A vibrant, hot-blooded new adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*...pulsat(ing) with an adolescent abandon and electricity of which Romeo himself might approve," and the Wall Street Journal declares it "A gem, the most inventive reimagining of a classic in years." The stunning drama comes to Cygnet Theatre **May 22nd through June 16th, 2013.**

The regular Cygnet performance schedule for all shows will be Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 3pm and 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** will include special Tuesday evening performances at 7:30pm.

Current subscribers can renew their subscriptions by contacting the Box Office, or filling out the renewal notices that have been mailed. New subscription sales will be available beginning March 1st. For more information regarding subscriptions packages please contact the box office at 619-337-1525 or visit www.cygnettheatre.com.

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THE 2012/2013 CYGNET THEATRE SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

MAN OF LA MANCHA

Book by DALE WASSERMAN * Lyrics by JOE DARION * Music by MITCH LEIGH
July 5th - August 26th, 2012. PRESS OPENING July 14th.

One of the best-loved musicals of a generation, Man of La Mancha is a moving retelling of the classic Cervantes story of Don Quixote. Filled with passion and adventure, love, honor and the triumph of the human spirit, this celebrated score features favorites such as "The Impossible Dream" and "Dulcinea".

WEST COAST PREMIERE

MISTAKES WERE MADE

By CRAIG WRIGHT

September 20th - October 21st, 2012. PRESS OPENING September 29th.

Felix Artifex, a B-list Off-Broadway producer, gets in way over his fast-talking head when he takes on a gargantuan epic about the French Revolution which he thinks is going to be his ticket to professional and personal reclamation. While trying to land a big star for the lead role, he uses all his powers of persuasion, seduction and intimidation to strong-arm the writer into massively rewriting his play. At the same time, he attempts to reconnect with his estranged wife and untangle himself from a mess involving sheep in a distant war-torn country.

Cygnnet Playhouse of the Air presents A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Adapted by SEAN MURRAY

November 23rd - December 30th, 2012. PRESS OPENING December 1st.

Cygnnet Playhouse of the Air continues it's annual holiday tradition with a presentation of the Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol. Be a part of the live studio audience as the WCYG players along with host Freddie Fillmore take on multiple characters to bring the story of Ebenezer Scrooge to life. Complete with holiday music and live sound effects, A Christmas Carol is sure to be a treat for the whole family.

TBA

January 24th - February 24th, 2013. PRESS OPENING February 2nd.

ASSASSINS

Book by JOHN WEIDMAN * Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Based on an original idea by Charles Gilbert

March 14th - April 28th, 2013. PRESS OPENING March 23th.

Bold, original, surreal, disturbing, thought-provoking and alarmingly funny, Assassins is perhaps the most controversial musical ever written. This most-American of musicals lays bare the lives of nine individuals who assassinated or tried to assassinate the President of the United States and explores the dark side of the American experience. From John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman bend the rules of time and

space, taking us on a nightmarish rollercoaster ride in which assassins and would-be assassins from different historical periods meet, interact, and in an intense final scene, inspire each other to harrowing acts in the name of the American Dream.

**SAN DIEGO PREMIERE
SHAKESPEARE'S R & J**

By JOE CALARCO

May 22nd - June 16th, 2013. PRESS OPENING May 25th.

Shakespeare's R & J is an arresting, vibrant & hot-blooded adaptation of Romeo and Juliet that pulsates with abandon. Taking place after curfew in the world of a parochial boarding school for boys, four repressed students discover Shakespeare's incredible love story. What starts off as a lighthearted reading of the forbidden text gradually becomes more dangerous as these young men are allowed to explore their pent up energy and adolescent passion which has been boiling under the surface all along.

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Cygnnet Theatre Company is a 501(k) non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. In 2003, Cygnnet renovated a storefront in the Rolando area into a 161-seat theatre. Cygnnet has received over 70 awards and grown to one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in the San Diego area. In December 2007, Cygnnet was awarded a 10-year lease by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Concessions and Reservations Division of the Old Town Theatre. Located in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the 248-seat venue was renovated during the summer and fall of 2008 and re-opened in November.

CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET
A BEHANDING IN SPOKANE

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre Company presents ***A BEHANDING IN SPOKANE***.

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre - The Old Town Stage
4040 Twiggs St. in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park

WHO: Written by **Martin McDonagh**

Director: **Lisa Berger**
Scenic Designer: **Christopher Ward**
Costume Designer: **Jessica John Gercke^o**
Sound Designer: **Matt Lescault-Wood^o**
Lighting Designer: **Michelle Caron**
Properties Designer: **Bonnie L. Durben^o**
Wig and Make-Up Designer: **Peter Herman^o**
Stage Manager: **Heather M. Brose*^o**

CAST: **Jeffrey Jones** (Carmichael)
Mike Sears* (Mervyn)
Vimel (Toby)
Kelly Iversen (Marilyn)
** Member of Actors Equity Association, ^oResident Artist*

DATES: Previews begin: **Thursday, January 19th, 2012**
Press Opening: **Saturday, January 28th, 2012 at 8:00pm**
Closes: **Sunday, February 19th, 2012**

Performance Schedule

Wednesday - Thursday at 7:30pm
Friday at 8:00pm
Saturday at 3:00pm and 8:00pm
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

PRICES: Range from \$29-\$54
(Discounts are available for children, seniors, students, active-duty military and groups)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Wine Tasting Night: Thursday, February 9th
OUT@CYGNET Night: Wednesday, February 15th

HOW: Phone: **(619) 337-1525**
Online: **www.cygnettheatre.com**
In Person: **Old Town Theatre - 4040 Twiggs St., San Diego, CA 92110**

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