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RESPECT: THE GIRL EM - POWERED MUSICAL
OPENS WEST COAST PREMIERE AT EL PORTAL'S FORUM THEATRE
WRITTEN BY DOROTHY MARCIC
DIRECTED BY PETER J. LOEWY
AND STARRING
SUSAN CARR GEORGE, NRACA, JACKIE SEIDEN, ALET TAYLOR



Loewy/Leone Productions proudly presents
RESPECT: THE GIRL EM - POWERED MUSICAL, an acclaimed musical review celebrating women through American popular music. **RESPECT** makes its West Coast Premiere beginning with previews on Thursday, July 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the historic El Portal Forum Theatre in North Hollywood, and stars Nikki Crawford, Susan Carr George, Jackie Seiden and Alet Taylor with direction by Peter J. Loewy, musical direction by Jim Vukovich and choreography by Lee Martino.

The press performance week begins Saturday, July 19, Sunday, July 20, and then continues Thursday July 24, 25, 26th at 8 pm. The production continues thru August 31.

RESPECT follows in the footsteps of the record-breaking nineteen-month run of **THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES**, which is transferring to Off-Broadway in September.

RESPECT takes a funny, exuberant look at the lives of women as reflected in music through the years. Written by popular music authority Dorothy Marcic, the production chronicles the lives of women throughout the 20th century, as played out against the songs they were listening to during various periods in their lives. The musical features an ensemble cast of four and more than 60 songs, from Gershwin's "Someone To Watch Over Me" to Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive," including "I Wanna Be Loved by You;" "Tonight, You Belong To Me;" "Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend;" "Whatever Lola Wants;" "These Boots are Made for Walkin;" "Piece of My Heart;" "Born A Woman;" and "Hero". If you liked **BEEHIVE** and **The Marvelous Wonderettes** at the El Portal, you'll love **RESPECT: The Girl Em-Powered Musical**.

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“In creating **RESPECT**, I used popular music to reveal how women have evolved throughout the 20th century,” says Marcic. “Because **RESPECT** is a show filled with music and humor, it has had tremendous reactions from all ages and genders – even men love this show!”

The production has been seen in more than a dozen U.S. cities, in addition to Australia, South Africa, England, Holland and Israel. Most recently, it had a sold-out run at the Broward Stage Door’s 26th Street Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale. The Chicago Tribune proclaims **RESPECT** “somewhere between ‘Oprah’ and ‘Mamma Mia’” and a “savvy, self-confident, good-time thing.” The Miami Herald wrote, “There’s something very spirit-refreshing and empowering about seeing your life experiences... reflected in an uplifting way onstage.” Boca Raton News wrote that **RESPECT** gets “a big thumbs-up from a cheering throng,” and the New Times exclaims, “**RESPECT: The Girl Em - Powered Musical** is high-energy, historical and hysterical!”

RESPECT features a versatile cast of actresses Susan Carr George (*JOSEPH...DREAMCOAT- Broadway, EVITA- European Tour*) Jackie Seiden (*HAIRSPRAY -Broadway, GOOD VIBRATIONS - Broadway, JERSEY BOYS—Tour*) and Alet Taylor (*THE PRODUCERS –Las Vegas & National Tour, LI’L ABNER, SWEET ADELIN, ONE TOUCH OF VENUS, THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE – Encores!*), N’Racca who recently was singled out in the LA Times review of Ray Charles, toured in Hairspray and was featured in The Wiz at LaJollaPlayhouse.directed by Des MacAnuff. The cast depicts famous figures such as CoCo Chanel, Betty Boop, Rosa Parks, Marilyn Monroe and Ida B. Wells. These examples of various female figures present a keen observation into the changing views of women as the world around them is continually transformed.

Produced by LOEWY/LEONE PRODUCTIONS, **RESPECT** is directed by Peter J. Loewy. Loewy’s recently directed the hit musical THE KID FROM BROOKLYN on the Mainstage of the El Portal Theatre. The award winning team includes Musical Direction by Jim Vukovich, Choreography by Lee Martino. Scenic Design is by Victoria Profitt with Costumes by Ivy Thaide.

For tickets and information please call 818-508-4200.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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Alet Taylor
And Jim Vukovich on piano

PERFORMANCES:

Previews July 17-18, 2008
Gala Press Opening Week July 19, 20, 24, 25, 26
Performances: July 19- August 31, 2008

Evenings: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8pm
Matinees: Saturday & Sunday 3pm

PRICES:

Previews: \$25 Thursday, & Friday 8pm, Saturday 3pm
\$35 Saturday 8pm, Sunday 3pm

Regular Performances: \$40 Thursday, & Friday 8pm, Saturday 3pm
\$45 Saturday 8pm, Sunday 3pm

TICKET INFORMATION:

Call 818-508-4200 or 866-811-4111.
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