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**Geva Announces Additional Production for the
2016-2017 Season:
THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES
*The Fielding Stage will bop to the hit tunes of the 50s and 60s
during the holiday season.***

Rochester, N.Y., June 22, 2016 – Geva Theatre Center announces that it will be adding the Off-Broadway hit musical comedy, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* by **Roger Bean**, to its 2016-2017 Season line-up. Directed by **Melissa Rain Anderson**, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* will run in the Fielding Stage from **December 8 to December 24**.

Welcome to the 1958 Springfield High School prom! Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy are the “Springfield Songleaders” – four girls with big voices, big skirts and big dreams. Fast forward a decade and they reunite to take the stage for their 10-year reunion. With over 30 classic hits from the 50s and 60s including “I Only Want to Be With You,” “Leader of the Pack,” “Lollipop,” and Mr. Sandman,” *The Marvelous Wonderettes* is a musical trip down memory lane.

The Marvelous Wonderettes pays tribute to the high school songleader squads of the 50s and 60s. It has been a hit with audiences around the world, and had an extended run Off-Broadway at the Westside Theatre.

The cast and artistic team for the Geva production will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for *The Marvelous Wonderettes* will go on sale to the general public on **Monday, September 19**, which is the date of Geva’s annual One-Day Sale for *A Christmas Carol*. Subscribers to Geva’s 2016-2017 Season will be able to purchase tickets for this show prior to September 19.

The Marvelous Wonderettes is supported in part by the Gouvernet Arts Fund at The Community Foundation.

GEVA THEATRE CENTER

Founded in 1972, Geva Theatre Center is a not-for-profit, professional theatre company dedicated to creating and producing professional theatre productions, programs and services of a national standard. As Rochester's leading professional theatre, Geva Theatre Center is the most attended regional theatre in New York State, and one of the 25 most subscribed in the country, serving up to 160,000 patrons annually, including more than 16,000 students.

The 526-seat Elaine P. Wilson Stage is home to a wide variety of performances, from musicals to American and world classics. The 180-seat Ron & Donna Fielding Stage is home to Geva's own series of contemporary drama, comedy and musical theatre; Geva Comedy Improv; Geva's New Play Reading Series and the Hornets' Nest - an innovative play-reading series facilitating community-wide discussion on controversial topics. In addition, the Fielding Stage hosts visiting companies of both local and international renown.

Geva Theatre Center offers a wide variety of educational, outreach and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Since 1995, the organization has been under the artistic direction of Mark Cuddy.

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