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INTRODUCING GEVA KITCHEN AND GODOT'S BAR

Renovation of Geva Theatre Center's historic home includes expanded bar and full kitchen with new menu focusing on local produce.

Rochester, N.Y., September 21, 2016 – Visitors to Geva Theatre Center's café and bar area will notice a major transformation when the theatre reopens its doors on October 4 for the first performance of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. In addition to the variety and volume of seating areas and tables dotted throughout the lobby and café, Geva's recent renovations include the installation of a full kitchen allowing the theatre the opportunity to create an entirely new menu. Geva's bar too, has been expanded and will offer a greater selection of wines and spirits.

The "Geva Kitchen" will be staffed by a full-time Kitchen Supervisor. In addition, Geva will employ a team of five professional chefs and sous chefs. Geva's Bar, now named "Godot's Bar" will be staffed by a rotating team of seven mixologists.

In developing their new menu, Geva worked closely with local chef **Dan Eaton**, host of Time Warner Cable News "Cooking at Home." "It was very exciting helping build a template for creative, seasonally driven menu items while also focusing on the real need for things to be expedited in a timely manner," commented Eaton. "I'm looking forward to many more good things to come." The Geva Kitchen will use locally sourced produce and ingredients in many of the items appearing on the menu.

Visitors to Geva's bar will enjoy the very eclectic look to this spacious area. Godot's Bar will feature a greater selection of wines by bottle as well as locally sourced spirits.

Appetizers, entrees and desserts will be available two hours prior to a performance. All food and drink orders will be placed at the bar. Patrons ordering food will be issued with a pager and will collect their order from the Geva Kitchen counter.

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 522-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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