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## GEVA THEATRE's Final Engagement Event For Its 50th Season:

## The Gold Party

**Rochester, N.Y.** — Geva Theatre's Engagement department concludes its season's events with The Gold Party on Monday, May 15th.

**The Gold Party** is a different sort of Mondays at Geva that celebrates our inner Cinderella – the one that aspires to be seen and make a difference to those around us. It is a family-friendly event, which recognizes the fabulousness inside each of us and brings us together dressed in gold attire, inspired by Cinderella's magical gown...

"I conceived of The Gold Party to be a community-focused Mondays at Geva event – the last of the 2022/23 season, thematically presented in conjunction with our production of *Rodgers* + *Hammerstein's Cinderella*," says Geva's Director of Engagement Rachel DeGuzman. "The Gold Party's honorary host, Her Majesty Queen Marie-Adélina I, epitomizes all that is inspirational and magical about *Cinderella*. The Gold Party is also one of the final celebrations of an outstanding 50th Anniversary season at Geva Theatre, which sought out multiple ways to connect with broader communities in the region."

Her Majesty the Queen Marie-Adélina I serves as queen of the "honorary government", or micronation, of the Kingdom of the Navasse, which is located between Haiti and Jamaica. The Kingdom has upheld a royal mission to advocate for and support projects which positively impact our community. She says, "Being a Queen is more than gowns and tiaras; it is a royal

duty to empower and uplift, fostering a realm of inclusivity and celebration. The Gold Party at Geva Theatre embodies this spirit, uniting us all under the enchanting spell of *Cinderella*."

The Gold Party will feature Queen Marie-Adélina I and her royal court, along with piano and vocal selections provided by Rochester's own Thomas Warfield. The event is from 6:00PM to 9:00PM; Her Majesty will make her royal entrance at 6:30PM. Guests will enjoy delicious food from Livie's Jamaican restaurant as well as sparkling wine, sparkling juice, and sparkling water. Attend the event in your Gold and Fabulous garb and you might win a prize from our juried costume contest. Jurors include Kristen Walker and Monique Hill.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$25 for one, for more information and to purchase your tickets visit our <u>website</u>.

**The Gold Party** is produced in conjunction with the production of *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*, which is running on the Wilson Stage from May 10th through June 4th. Tickets can be purchased online at gevatheatre.org, or by phone, 585-232-GEVA(4382).

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization. Cinderella is produced by our Season Sponsors, ESL Federal Credit Union and Dr. Dawn Lipson, Lead Producer St. Johns, Associate Producers M&T Bank, Volvo Cars Rochester, and Woods Oviatt Gilman, and with additional support from Media Sponsors WRMM 101.3 and WHEC Channel 10.

## **About Geva Theatre Center**

Founded in 1972, Geva Theatre Center is a not-for-profit, professional theatre company dedicated to creating and producing singular theatre productions and programs that serve the Rochester region and beyond, by illuminating the fullness of our many human experiences.

The 516-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 series of contemporary drama, comedy, musical theatre, and new play development programs. In addition, the Fielding Stage hosts visiting companies of both local and international renown.

Geva offers a wide variety of educational, engagement, and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Geva Theatre Center sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Onödowá'ga, or "the people of the Great Hill." In English, they are known as the Seneca people, "the keeper of the western door." They have stewarded this land through generations, and Geva pays respect and gives thanks to their elders, past and present.

Geva is under the leadership of Artistic Director Elizabeth Williamson and Executive Director Christopher Mannelli.

Find out more about Geva Theatre Center at GevaTheatre.org or by connecting with us on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/gevatheatrecenter, Twitter: @gevatheatre, Instagram: @gevatheatre, LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/geva-theatre-center.

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