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**IBSEN'S EXPLOSIVE *AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE*
SETS THE GAMM'S 20th ANNIVERSARY SEASON IN MOTION**

PAWTUCKET, RI (August 17, 2004) — The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is pleased to present Henrik Ibsen's masterpiece, *An Enemy of the People*, featuring Richard Donelly (Caesar in *Julius Caesar*) as the idealistic Dr. Thomas Stockmann. Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella directs this fascinating and fiery drama about the intersection of politics and media, and the "manufacturing of consent." The production runs from September 9 through October 3 at The Gamm Theatre, 172 Exchange St., Pawtucket, RI.

Play Synopsis

From the brilliant blending of Ibsen and Miller, a captivating drama about big business scandal, political corruption and mass apathy. When Dr. Thomas Stockmann exposes pollution that's turning the town's popular mineral baths into a health hazard, the relentless idealist is branded a traitor and troublemaker, rather than a hero. Among the doctor's accusers are the townspeople getting rich from the tourist attraction, his brother the mayor, and even the local media. Ibsen's enduringly relevant 1882 masterpiece serves as a cautionary tale in the run-up to November's presidential election.

Estrella said he's delighted to launch The Gamm's 20th Anniversary Season with a play that is representative of the theater's original mission.

"For two decades The Gamm has been committed to producing theater that matters, theater that speaks directly to our times and the unique challenges we face as American citizens. Continuing in the tradition of last year's *The Crucible*, *Aunt Dan And Lemon*, and *Julius Caesar*, Henrik Ibsen and Arthur Miller's *An Enemy of the People* is the latest Gamm production dedicated to exploring the human response to our current political and social climate," Estrella said. "As we endure the most tightly contested and divisive presidential election in decades, I can think of no play that better examines the meaning of democracy and the role morality must play in the individual and public conscience."

An Enemy of the People is sponsored by The Times (Pawtucket), Barrington Printing and WBRU. NBC 10 is The Gamm's season sponsor.

About The Gamm

Founded in 1984 as Alias Stage, the nonprofit Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre performs great works of the classic and modern theater in an intimate setting that fosters the vital relationship between author, actor and audience. As the cornerstone of The Arts Exchange at the Pawtucket Armory, The Gamm seeks to engage and enrich the community through affordable entertainment and educational programming.

ABOUT THIS PRODUCTION OF *AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE*

Written by Henrik Ibsen, adapted by Arthur Miller
Directed by Tony Estrella
Costume design by Marilyn Salvatore
Set design by Andy Lederman
Set painting by David T. Howard
Lighting design by Matt Terry
Sound design by Kerry Callery
Technical direction by Normand Beauregard

Stage Manager, Stef Work; Assistant Stage Manager, Marissa Hughes; Props Master, Rachel Capotosto; Dramaturge, Jennifer Madden

Cast

Dr. Thomas Stockmann	Richard Donnelly*
Mrs. Stockmann	Alyn Carlson-Webster
Petra	Jeanine Kane (Gamm artistic associate)
Ejlif	Dan Tracy
Morten	Ben Penick
Peter Stockmann	Jim O'Brien (Gamm artistic associate)
Morten Kiil	Tom Oakes
Hovstad	Steve Kidd
Billing	Karen Carpenter
Captain Horster	Ralph Stokes
Aslaksen	Sam Babbitt (Gamm artistic associate)
The Drunk	Sean McConaghy
Townsperson	Heidi McNeil
Townsperson	Bernice Bronson
Townsperson	Andrew Morisette
Townsperson	Jed Hancock-Brainerd

*The actor appears through courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

Calendar of Performances

September

Thursday, Sept. 9, preview performance at 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10, preview performance at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11, preview performance at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12, preview performance at 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13, press night performance at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17, regular performance at 8 p.m.*

Saturday, Sept. 18, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19, matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19, regular performance at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26, matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30, regular performance at 8 p.m.

October

Friday, Oct. 1, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2, regular performance at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3, matinee performance at 2 p.m.

*Pay-what-you-can performance in conjunction with Pawtucket Arts Festival. A limited number of tickets go on sale at noon. Maximum of 2 per customer.

Tickets \$21-24, all previews (Sept. 9-12) ONLY \$14! Discounts for subscribers, groups of 10 or more, seniors and students. For single ticket sales, call 723-4266. Or purchase tickets at www.artixri.com or at the Art Tix booth.