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*We've, quote, "just talked the night away."  
And surely that's a sign, at least to me,  
That this—our partnership—was meant to be!  
...That's all I really planned to say,  
Except to thank you for a fine soiree.  
-Valere, David Hirson's La Bête*

**THE GAMM HOSTS LA GRANDE AFFAIRE!**

**Pawtucket Armory Drill Hall Refashioned as Café Society for Fun, Fanciful French-themed Fundraiser**

PAWTUCKET, RI (April 21, 2006) —The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is pleased to host **La Grande Affaire**, its fourth annual fundraising event, on **Saturday, May 6, from 7-10 p.m.** at the Pawtucket Armory, 172 Exchange Street. **Event Chairs Kathy and Brian Swann, and Ranne and Ray Warner** invite Gamm supporters past, present and future to enjoy an **elegant and festive French-themed party** celebrating the theater's most successful season to date. Proceeds will help pay for the non-profit organization's artistic programs during its upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> season.

In the drill hall of the historic Pawtucket Armory, **made over into a romantic and sophisticated café society**, guests will feast on **gastronomic delights by award-winning CAV** restaurant, including vichyssoise, duck confit with pistou, patés, elegant desserts and more. Fine French wines and champagne donated by **Yankee Spirits** will compliment the fare, as well as cocktails served by Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI!

**Manège à Trois**, a dazzling guitar, accordion and clarinet trio led by **French-born, Boston-based musician Bertrand Laurence**, will perform Parisian Musette, Swing Waltzes, American standards in French and a few unpredictable tunes.

Exciting silent and live auctions, and also raffles, will provide additional entertainment and a chance for some unusual winnings. Enticing auction items include **five nights in a 4-star hotel on the French Riviera**, including airfare and conversational French lessons for two; a **French cooking lesson** in your home with the head chef from CAV; an overnight stay for two at **Quebec's unique Ice Hotel**, plus dinner at a **four-star restaurant** in Quebec City; a private **rapier and dagger lesson** for two; a **year of gourmet desserts**, delivered monthly to your home; a **"Tour de France"** apparel package, including memorabilia...and so much more.

"**La Grande Affaire** is shaping up to be our biggest and most creative fundraiser yet," said **Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella**. "It will also serve as the perfect entree for The Gamm's upcoming production of **David Hirson's award-winning French farce, La Bête**, and a fitting conclusion to a season that has exceeded my expectations on all levels," he added.

Tickets to **La Grande Affaire** are **\$100 per person or \$175 per pair**. Call **401-723-4266** to purchase.

**UBS Financial Services, Inc.** is **La Grande Affaire's** presenting sponsor. Additional support comes from **East Coast Lighting and Production Services, NBC 10, Focus Business Solutions, Kendrick Design, Troy, Pires & Allen Insurance** and **WBRU**.

**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. The Gamm is a member of **New England Area Theatre (NEAT)**, a bargaining unit of the Actors Equity Association.

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