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GAMM THEATRE'S "SPRING CARNEVALE" A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

PAWTUCKET, RI (May 29, 2008) — The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) held its sixth annual fundraising party, **Spring Carnevale**, on **Saturday, May 10**, netting more than **\$68,000** toward the theater's artistic and educational programs. The drill hall of the historic Pawtucket Armory, made over as a Venetian piazza, boasted **nearly 200 guests** donning carnival masks among fellow revelers. A roving musician, a pair of tarantella dancers and a troupe of Commedia Dell'Arte performers contributed to a relaxed street-like atmosphere against a backdrop of illuminated cathedral windows.

Gamm supporters feasted on abundant antipasti, a hot pasta bar, Italian cannoli and clam shell pastries, and gelato provided by **Roba!Dolce Caffè**. A bar festooned with rust and fuchsia draping included fabulous cocktails by **Grey Goose** and a variety of beers by **Newport Storm**, as well as a selection of fine wines.

A mostly **Italian-themed auction**, which ran for three weeks online, concluded at the event and garnered **\$12,485—a Gamm auction record!** Guests won exciting prizes such as **6 nights in Rome and Florence**, including airfare and hotel for two (**\$3,000**); a Venetian cocktail party and four-course meal for 20 people at **Providence's Bacaro Restaurant (\$2,000)**; dinner at **Al Forno Restaurant** and a **gondola ride for two on Providence's La Gondola (\$375)**, among many others. Other big-value items included **a week at a condo in Killington, Vermont (\$1,000)** and **a week at Newport's Ocean Cliff Resort (\$1,100)**.

"*Spring Carnevale* was all that we hoped it would be and more," said **Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella**. "Not only did we raise much-needed revenue to bolster our artistic and educational programming. It was also a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the company of so many loyal patrons whose support for The Gamm and the arts in general is nothing less than vital. **We thank our patrons, board, staff, volunteers and all our loyal corporate and non-profit donors who made this evening such a success.**"

East Coast Lighting & Production Services, Inc. was *Spring Carnevale's* "Platinum Sponsor". "Gold Sponsors" included **Bank of America, NBC 10** and **Rhode Island Monthly Communications**. Additional support came from **Hinckley Allen Snyder LLC, Providence Phoenix, Sovereign Bank, Alice I. Sullivan Foundation of Collette Vacations, Troy, Pires & Allen Insurance, 95.5 WBRU, and American Printing.**

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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