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“THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES” KICKS OFF THE ABDO NEW RIVER ROOM THEATER SERIES AT THE BROWARD CENTER

South Florida’s acclaimed Slow Burn Theatre Company makes its Broward Center debut

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center launches its exciting theatrical season with the smash Off-Broadway musical *The Marvelous Wonderettes* from **October 2 through November 23** as part of the Abdo New River Room Theater Series.

This new “dinner theater” experience at the Broward Center combines great food and big laughs for an exceptional dining and theater outing. Audiences are invited to enjoy drinks and a modern small plates menu with table service that begins one hour prior to the performance and resumes during intermission in the newly designed cabaret-style space.

The Marvelous Wonderettes is presented by the critically acclaimed Slow Burn Theatre Company that makes its debut in Broward County with this production at the Broward Center.

The musical introduces audiences to four girls with hopes, amazing voices and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. This candy-coated romp back in time will knock audiences’ (bobby) socks off with ‘50s and ‘60s hits such as “Lollipop,” “Dream Lover,” “Stupid Cupid,” “Lipstick On Your Collar,” “Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me,” “It’s My Party” and more than 20 other jukebox classics.

Julie Kleiner, Amy Miller Brennan, Lindsey Corey and Abby Perkins star as the loveable vocal group. Carbonell Award-winner Patrick Fitzwater directs and choreographs as part of a creative team that includes lighting designer Lance Blank, costume designer Rick Pena and musical director Manny Schwartzman.

Fitzwater, who co-founded the Boca-Raton-based Slow Burn Theatre with Matthew Korinko, said, “Our partnership with the Broward Center is a milestone for Slow Burn. We will be the only major company producing work in Miami, Broward and Palm Beach next season and we have chosen two musicals exclusively for the Abdo New River Room that really connect with audiences.” Slow Burn Theatre will also present *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (February 26 - April 19) as part of the series.

The Abdo New River Room Theater Series will also feature *Fully Committed* (January 8 - February 1) and the return of *Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding* (February 12 – February 22).

Ticket prices are for performances only and do not include food, beverage or gratuity with the exception of *Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding*, in which the ticket price includes Italian dinner, champagne toast and wedding cake during the performance.

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BRIEF:

The smash Off-Broadway musical sensation ***The Marvelous Wonderettes***, presented by Slow Burn Theatre Company and the Broward Center, will transport audiences to Springfield High School's 1958 prom to meet the Wonderettes: four girls with hopes, amazing voices and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. This candy-coated romp back in time will knock audiences' (bobby) socks off with '50s and '60s hits such as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Lipstick On Your Collar," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," "It's My Party" and more than 20 other jukebox classics. Performances are **Thursday, October 2 through Sunday, November 23** with show times on Thursdays – Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45. This production is part of the Abdo New River Room Series where audiences have the opportunity to enjoy drinks, small plates and desserts offered with guest table service starting one hour prior to the performance and during intermission.

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The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.