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GAVIN CREEL
KICKS OFF THE RETURN SETH RUDETSKY'S BROADWAY
CONCERT SERIES AT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

The two-time Tony Award nominee & Olivier Award Winner also conducts a master class

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FORT LAUDERDALE – Two-time Tony Award nominee and Oliiver Award Winner **Gavin Creel** raises the curtain on the return of Seth Rudetsky's **Broadway Concert Series at Parker Playhouse** on **Friday, December 30 at 8 p.m.**

The series, presented by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Mark Cortale, features Rudetsky and his irrepressible Broadway friends as they shoot the breeze, dish the dirt and raise the roof with classic Broadway songs.

Soon to be seen as "Cornelius Hackl" in the upcoming production of *Hello, Dolly!* starring Bette Midler, Creel is the winner of the 2014 Olivier Award for his starring role as "Elder Price" in the London production of *The Book of Mormon*. He is a two-time Tony Award nominee for his performances as "Claude" in *Hair* and "Jimmy" in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and most recently appeared on Broadway in the revival of *She Loves Me*.

Creel has recorded three original albums and is a member of the Broadway Inspirational Voices Choir. As a co-founder of Broadway Impact and for his work fighting for marriage equality, Creel has been recognized as one of *OUT Magazine's* OUT 100, and in 2011 he co-wrote and released the single "Noise," to raise money and awareness for that fight.

Rudetsky, the series curator, has hosted the Broadway Series at Parker Playhouse for the previous **three** seasons. Co-author and star of the recent Broadway musical *Disaster!*, he has played piano for over a dozen Broadway shows including *Ragtime*, *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera* and is the man behind *SethTV*, his web-based entertainment network. As a comic, Rudetsky was awarded "Funniest Gay Male in NY" at Stand-Up NY and is a three-time Emmy nominee as a writer for *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*. His musical "Disaster!" just premiered to rave reviews on London's West End at the Charing Cross Theatre in November.

In addition to his performance, Creel will conduct a master class with 10 on-stage participants, who will work directly with him before an interactive audience limited to 150 members. The class will be held at the JM Family Studio at the Broward Center on Thursday, December 29 at 6 p.m. Tickets for the masterclass are \$50 for participants and \$25 for observers.

The Broadway Concert Series at Parker Playhouse will continue with Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe Award nominee Matthew Morrison on Friday, February 17 at 8 p.m. and Tony Award-winning comic actress Andrea Martin on Saturday, April 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the Broadway Concert Series with Gavin Creel are \$37–\$123 with a ten percent discount available to those who purchase all three shows in the series. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

The Parker Playhouse 2016-2017 season is presented by the Broward Performing Arts Foundation with generous support from the Salah Foundation.

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ABOUT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

Celebrating its 50th anniversary season, the neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale’s first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.

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MASTER CLASS CALENDAR BRIEF: – Two-time Tony Award nominee **Gavin Creel** conducts a masterclass at the **JM Family Studio at the Broward Center on Thursday, December 29 at 6 p.m.** Creel will work directly on stage with 10 participants before an interactive audience limited to 150 members. Tickets for the masterclass are \$50 for participants and \$25 for observers. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.