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**Chance Theater presents the fifth show in its new theatrical home
The Tony Award-winning classic musical comedy...**

She Loves Me

This beloved romantic romp starts performances on November 28 at the intimate Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken theater arts Center



December 5, 2014 ... Anaheim, California ... Chance Theater is proud to present the fifth show in its 16th season -- the Tony Award-Winning golden age delight, *She Loves Me*. Music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, book by Joe Masteroff, with direction by Sarah Figoten Wilson. *She Loves Me* will preview from November 28 through December 4, regular performances will begin December 5 and continue through December 28 at Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken *theater arts* Center.

She Loves Me finds Amalia and Georg loathing each other almost as much as they love their anonymous pen pals. Little do they know that they flee the unpleasanties of work (and co-workers) only to write their passionate letters... to each other! Set against the sumptuous background of a 1930's Hungarian parfumerie, this tale of unknowing lovers boasts a rich, sprightly score and 2 Tony Awards. This romantic comedy is also the musical adaptation of the play that inspired such popular films as "The Shop Around The Corner" and "You've Got Mail."

"A continuously melodic evening of sheer enchantment and complete escape" -- *New York Times*

"Romantic comedy gold" -- *Chicago Reader*

The charming story depicted in *She Loves Me* was initially introduced in 1937 as the play *Parfumerie* by Hungarian playwright Miklos Laszlo. It was then adapted for the Hollywood screen twice in the following decade. In 1963, Laszlo's work was reinvigorated by award-winning musical duo Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. Under their stylish touch, the

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play became the smash hit *She Loves Me*, often affectionately known as the “Ice Cream Musical” after a musical number made famous by original star Barbara Cook.

As if this legacy wasn’t enough, the original story resurfaced twice more, as the 1998 film *You’ve Got Mail*, and later as another musical, this time the French *Rendez-Vous*. So why the consistent return to a simple, decades-old flight of fancy? The answer, as Wilson would have it, is humanity. “There is a clear universality”, she says. “*She Loves Me* is a story about finding love where you least expect it, and for that reason is forever timeless.” A perfect time for a lovable comedy, as *She Loves Me* continues the Chance’s run of family-oriented holiday musicals.

In addition to Wilson, the *She Loves Me* production team includes Ovation Award winning musical director Taylor Stephenson (*Triassic Parq - The Musical*), choreographer Christopher M. Albrecht, scenic and costume designer Bruce Goodrich, sound designer Ryan Brodtkin, props designer Amy Ramirez, and stage manager Jonathan Castanien.

The production will star Chance Theater founding artist Erika C. Miller, as well as Stanton Kane Morales, Camryn Zelinger, Corky Loupe, William Gorin, Beach Vickers, Daniel Jared Hersh, Tina Nguyen, Elizabeth Adabale, Eric T. Anderson, Erica Shaeffer, Katelyn Spurgin, Matt Takahashi, Shafik Wahhab and resident artist Laura M. Hathaway.

Tod & Linda White will serve as Executive Producers for this production.

To schedule press interviews, request photos, schedule press comps or for any additional information, please contact Casey Long at (714) 900-3284 or by e-mail at casey@chancetheater.com.

ABOUT CHANCE THEATER

Proud to be one of the leading ensemble-driven theatre companies in Southern California, CHANCE THEATER has won five Ovation Awards (including two for Best Production of a Musical--Intimate Theater for *Triassic Parq -- The Musical* and *Jerry Springer: The Opera*). The Chance also received an LADCC Award last year for its reimagined revival of *West Side Story*. The Anaheim City Council recently named Chance Theater “the official resident theater company of Anaheim”. Twice named “Outstanding Arts Organization” by Arts Orange County, Chance Theater is also a recipient of the LADCC’s Polly Warfield Award for Excellence. Founded in 1999, Chance Theater is focused on its goal of being Orange County’s premiere mid-size contemporary theater by contributing to a more compassionate, connected, and creative community. As a constituent member of Theatre Communications Group, Network of Ensemble Theaters, and (more)

the LA Stage Alliance, Chance Theater continues to bring national attention to the Southern California and Orange County theater scenes.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: SHE LOVES ME

Georg and Amalia escape the stress of the parfumerie (and each other's company) through passionate letters full of longing to anonymous pen pals – never guessing that they are writing to each other! This crown jewel of the golden age of musicals and winner of 2 Tony Awards, is the musical adaptation of the play that inspired such films as "The Shop Around The Corner" "In The Good Old Summertime," and "You've Got Mail."

WHEN: Preview Performances

Friday, November 28 through Thursday, December 4
Friday at 3pm and 8pm
Saturday at 8pm
Sunday at 7pm
Thursday at 8pm

Regular Performances

Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 28
Fridays at 8pm
Saturdays at 3pm and 8pm
Sundays at 2pm

REVIEWERS and OTHER PRESS are encouraged to attend:

The Press Performance on Friday, December 5 at 8pm; or
The Opening Gala on Saturday, December 6 at 8pm, which includes a post-show reception.

WHERE: Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken theater arts Center, 5522 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807

TICKETS: \$20.00 - \$45.00. Call (714) 777-3033 or visit www.ChanceTheater.com.

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