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World Premiere Musical Somewhere in Time

opening at Portland Center Stage

See it in Portland before it heads to Broadway!

May 8, 2013 – PORTLAND, ORE. Get ready to fall in love! The world premiere musical *Somewhere in Time* begins preview performances at Portland Center Stage on Tuesday, May 28 opens on **Wednesday, June 5** and runs Tuesday through Sunday through **June 30**. Tickets **start at \$39**, with discounts available for students and those under 25. Rush tickets are \$20.

Somewhere in Time stars Broadway's **Andrew Samonsky** (*The Mystery of Edwin Drood, South Pacific*) as Richard Collier, **Hannah Elless** (*Godspell, Mamma Mia!*) as Elise McKenna, three-time Tony Award nominee **Marc Kudisch** (*9 to 5, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*) as Robinson and **David Cryer** (*Lend Me a Tenor, The Phantom of the Opera*) as Arthur.



The ensemble cast includes **Leslie Becker, Giovanni Bonaventura, Erin Burniston, Meggie Cansler, Cory English, Leslie Flesner, Lizzie Klemperer, Erik Liberman, Sharonlee McLean, Jared Q. Miller, Benjie Randall** and **Tad Wilson**.

Somewhere in Time is directed by **Scott Schwartz**, whose Broadway credits include *Golda's Balcony* and *Jane Eyre*. He also directed *Bat Boy: The Musical* (Outer Critics Circle and Lucille

Lortel Award, Best Off-Broadway Musical); *tick, tick...BOOM!* (Outer Critics Circle Award, Best Off-Broadway Musical); Franz Kafka's *The Castle* (Manhattan Ensemble Theater) and *No Way to Treat a Lady* (Off-Broadway).

Two-time Tony nominated **John Carrafa** (*Urinetown, Into The Woods*) is choreographer.

In ***Somewhere in Time***, young playwright Richard Collier has an encounter with a mysterious old woman on the opening night of his earliest success; she entreats him, to his bewilderment, to "come back to me." Several years later, with his life and career in disarray, he seeks quiet and contemplation and checks in to a storied hotel from his youth. But his stay at the hotel turns into the journey of a lifetime as he unravels history-and time-to discover a powerful but perhaps impossible love.

The 1980 film of ***Somewhere in Time*** is a romantic classic, beloved by several generations of moviegoers. This world premiere musical adaptation invites those who love the story, and those discovering it for the first time, to experience its magic with original music by **Doug Katsaros**, lyrics by **Amanda Yesnowitz** and book by **Ken Davenport**.

"Years ago, I fell hopelessly in love with the story of *Somewhere in Time*, just as our lead character falls hopefully in love with Elise McKenna, and I'm thrilled that we will be premiering the production in Portland this spring," said **Davenport**. "Yes, the theater is the right size for our show. Yes, traveling to Portland from New York City is easy. But that's not why we're so excited to be going to Portland. Giving birth to a new musical isn't easy. And, well, the people of Portland Center Stage under the incredible direction of Chris Coleman, and the people of Portland itself, are exactly the type of family that you want in that delivery room."

The creative team for ***Somewhere in Time*** also includes set design by **Alexander Dodge**, costume design by PCS resident designer **Jeff Cone**, lighting design by **Mike Baldassari**, sound design by **Casi Pacilio**, orchestrations by **Doug Katsaros** and **Bruce Coughlin** and musical direction by **Patrick Vaccariello**.

"I'm proud that Portland Center Stage has earned a reputation as a theater committed to, and excelling in, the production of new work," said Artistic Director **Chris Coleman**. "We have also cultivated an audience for great musicals, so when the opportunity arose to become part of launching this exciting world premiere musical, we knew it would be a terrific addition to our 25th Anniversary Season."

Portland Center Stage production sponsors for ***Somewhere in Time*** are our Season Superstars Umpqua Bank (Lead Corporate Champion), Tim & Mary Boyle; 24 Hour Fitness, Express Employment Professionals and Ketel One, with additional funding from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, RACC/Work for Art and the Oregon Arts Commission.

Somewhere in Time is produced by special arrangement with Davenport Theatrical Enterprises, Inc. (www.DavenportTheatrical.com).

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SHOW:

Somewhere in Time

Book by Ken Davenport

Music by Doug Katsaros

Lyrics by Amanda Yesnowitz

Based on the novel and the Universal Pictures film written by Richard Matheson

Directed by Scott Schwartz

LOCATION:

Portland Center Stage, Gerding Theater at the Armory 128 NW 11th Ave, Portland OR 97209

DATES:

May 28 – June 30 (Previews: May 28-31, June 1, 2 and 4)

TIMES:

Tuesday through Sundays 7:30 p.m., Saturdays (6/8, 6/22, 6/29) and Sundays 2:00 p.m., Thursdays (6/6, 6/13, 6/20) at Noon.

TICKET PRICES AND DISCOUNTS:

-Tickets start at \$39.

-Discounts available for students and groups.

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