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A SPECTACULAR 2012 SEASON

GOODSPEED MUSICALS' ANNOUNCES COMPLETE 49th SEASON AT GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE

- *MAME, CAROUSEL, & SOMETHING'S AFOOT!* -

Plus Special Offers and Events for Family Fun, Romantic Getaways and Connecticut Daytrippers!

EAST HADDAM, CONN., JANUARY 30, 2012: Two-time Tony Award-winning Goodspeed Musicals, under the leadership of Executive Director **Michael P. Price**, is thrilled to announce the 2012 musical season at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn. The 49th season includes three outstanding musicals that are sure to delight theatregoers: bold and brassy ***Mame*** will run from April 20 – July 1; Rodgers and Hammerstein's ***Carousel*** will run from July 13 – September 23; ***Something's Afoot***, a musical whodunit will run from October 5 – December 9.

Come along for the madcap adventures of Auntie Mame and her adoring nephew. Surrounded by an eccentric cast of characters, she celebrates the Roaring 20s, overcomes tragedy and sails through life without missing a fad or a dance step. Jerry Herman's delightful score is packed with favorites "Bosom Buddies," "We Need a Little Christmas" and more. Brimming with optimism and zest, *Mame* will keep you laughing while warming your heart!

Mame features music and lyrics by **Jerry Herman**, a book by **Jerome Lawrence** and **Robert E. Lee** and is based on the novel *Auntie Mame* by Patrick Dennis and the play by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. *Mame* will be directed by **Ray Roderick** (Goodspeed's *My One And Only*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and *42nd Street*) and choreographed by **Vince Pesce** (Associate Choreographer of Broadway's *Anything Goes*, *The Pajama Game*, *Wonderful Town* and *Little Shop of Horrors*). *Mame* will be sponsored by Liberty Bank, Mohegan Sun and The Shops at Mohegan Sun.

Carousel has captivated audiences around the world with the powerful love story of an innocent young millworker and swaggering carousel barker. He meets a tragic end but is given one chance for redemption by delivering hope to the daughter he never knew and whispering words left unspoken to his wife. Featuring "If I Loved You," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "June is Busting Out All Over." Experience one of the most celebrated musicals of all time!

Carousel features music by **Richard Rodgers** and a book and lyrics by **Oscar Hammerstein II**. Based on **Ferenc Molnar's** play *Lilliom* and adapted by **Benjamin F. Glazer**. Original Dances by **Agnes de Mille**. It will be directed by **Rob Ruggiero** (Broadway's *High* and *Looped* and Goodspeed's *Show Boat*,

Camelot and **1776**) and choreographed by **Parker Esse** (Associate Choreographer of Broadway's **Finian's Rainbow** and **A Tale of Two Cities**). *Carousel* will be sponsored by Amica Insurance, Comcast and Robinson & Cole LLC.

An old English mansion. A raging thunderstorm. Ten strangers. Murder, mystery, music and comedy abound when the guests disappear one by one – knocked off by cleverly fiendish devices. Join the fun as Miss Tweed the amateur sleuth sets out to solve the crimes...but the butler didn't do it! With songs like "I Owe It All To Agatha Christie," it's a zany whodunit for all to enjoy.

Something's Afoot features book, music and lyrics by **James McDonald, David Vos** and **Robert Gerlach** with additional music by **Ed Linderman. Casey Hushion** (Associate Director of Broadway's **Elf, In the Heights** and **The Drowsy Chaperone**) will direct. A choreographer will be announced soon. *Something's Afoot* will be sponsored by Connecticut Light & Power.

Make a day of it! Join Goodspeed Musicals for our Special Events throughout the season.

Whether you're planning a fun family outing, a romantic getaway or day-tripping the Connecticut shoreline, the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn., is a great destination for any occasion. The Goodspeed Musicals 2012 season promises to delight and entertain on and off stage with exciting special events and terrific offers for visitors of all ages.

For families, you just can't beat Goodspeed Musicals' **Kid's/Teen Nights**. Introduce your favorite young person to the magic of musical theatre. Kid's/Teen Nights allows each adult who buys a full-priced ticket to purchase a \$15 ticket for a child, age 5 – 18. Kid's Nights are scheduled for *Mame* on April 25 and 26 at 7:30 pm and April 27 at 8:00 p.m. In August, Teen Nights for *Carousel* will be July 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm and July 20 at 8:00 p.m. There will be three Teen Nights for *Something's Afoot*: October 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm and October 12 at 8:00 p.m. A Meet the Cast autograph session will be held following the Friday evening Kid's/Teen Night performances.

Young theatergoers can take advantage of the **Student Rush** discount. From 10:00 a.m. on the morning of a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday evening performance, the Goodspeed Box Office will sell student rush tickets, based on availability, to any student, regardless of age, who provides a verifiable school identification (ID card, letter on school stationery, etc.). Rush tickets will be sold for the discounted price of \$15 and are limited to one per student. This price is good for any available seat at the Opera House in East Haddam

Adults, grab your friends and get together for Goodspeed Musicals' popular **Wine Tasting Series**. Goodspeed Musicals partners with Shore Discount Liquors of Deep River, Conn., for this wonderful event. Attend the first Sunday evening performance and treat yourself to a sampling of fine wines with appetizers provided by the Gelston House of East Haddam. This season, Goodspeed will host Sunday tastings on April 22, July 15, and October 7. Tickets for the Wine Tasting are available through the Box Office for an additional \$12 with purchase of a ticket to that evening's performance. The Wine Tasting begins at 5:00 p.m. and will be held in the Libby Metzger Kaye Members Lounge at the Goodspeed Opera House.

Want to savor a great meal before coming to the show? How about **Goodspeed Dinners**? Goodspeed Musicals has joined with several of the area's finest restaurants to offer discounted meals in combination with ticket purchases for Goodspeed's 2012 Season. To enjoy special discounts on a wonderful pre-show dinner, simply purchase tickets for any Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday evening and receive special pricing vouchers for select restaurants including Brushmill by the Waterfall, Gelston House, Griswold Inn, The Ivory Restaurant & Pub, La Vita Gustosa, Pattaconk 1850 Bar & Grille, Restaurant L&E and Tavern at the Armory at the Inn at Middletown.

Coming to see the show on a Friday night? Why not consider our **Friday Night Dinner/Theatre Package** which includes dinner at the Gelston House (located next door to the Opera House) and a ticket to a Friday 8:00 p.m. performance at Goodspeed Opera House - Only \$71! Call the Box Office at 860.873.8668 for details and reservations. Reservations must be made by noon on the day you plan to attend.

For those interested in learning about what goes on behind the curtain, **Meet the Cast** is an informal post-show audience discussion with the cast. Offered on specific Thursday evenings during the season, participants will learn about the creative process of making a musical firsthand from the actors involved. Backstage at Goodspeed events will be held following the performances of *Mame* on May 17, May 31 and June 14; *Carousel* on August 9, August 23 and September 6; and *Something's Afoot* on November 1, November 15 and November 29.

Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Connecticut River before the show! **The Goodspeed Dining Cruise/Theatre Package** includes a cruise and sumptuous buffet meal aboard the Lady Katharine and a ticket to the show - lunch cruise only \$82 per person, dinner cruise just \$99 per person. Dining cruises conveniently depart from the Goodspeed dock. Please call the Box Office at 860.873.8668 for reservations. The 2012 Cruise dates:

Mame - Thursday, May 31 · 11:30 a.m. cruise, 2:00 p.m. performance

Thursday, June 21 · 11:30 a.m. cruise, 2:00 p.m. performance

Carousel - Friday, July 13 · 5:30 p.m. cruise, 8:00 p.m. performance

Sunday, August 5 · 4:00 p.m. cruise, 6:30 p.m. performance

Thursday, August 16 - 11:30 a.m. cruise, 2:00 p.m.

Something's Afoot - Sunday, October 7 · 4:00 p.m. cruise, 6:30 p.m. performance

Wednesday, October 17 · 5:00 p.m. cruise, 7:30 p.m. performance..

All offers available through the Goodspeed Box Office. Subject to availability. Not valid in combination with any other offer. Call for details.

Super Saver Subscription: Our Best Deal! See all 3 musicals at the Goodspeed Opera House for only \$93. This simple offer makes it easy to take a chance and become a new subscriber. You're also guaranteed seats before the performances sell out. Available Weds, Thurs and Sunday evening, select seats. Subject to availability. **Offer ends March 31!**

Mame will run April 20 – July 1; *Carousel* will run from July 13 – September 23; and *Something's Afoot* will run from October 5 – December 9. Curtain times are Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (select performances at 2:00 p.m.), Friday at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (select performances at 6:30 p.m.).

Advance season subscriptions are **now on sale** through the Box Office (**860.873.8668**), open seven days a week. At the Goodspeed Opera House, subscription deals start at just \$93 for one person, all three shows. Single tickets go on public sale beginning February 19, 2012. *All prices are subject to change.*

Dedicated to the preservation and advancement of musical theatre, Goodspeed Musicals produces three musicals each season at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn., and additional productions at The Norma Terris Theatre in Chester, Conn., which was opened in 1984 for the development of new musicals. The first regional theatre to receive two Tony Awards (for outstanding achievement), Goodspeed also maintains The Scherer Library of Musical Theatre and The Max Showalter Center for Education in Musical Theatre. Goodspeed Musicals gratefully acknowledges the support of its Official Audio Sponsor, Sennheiser Electronic Corporation; its Official Airline Sponsor, United Airlines; and its Official Auto Sponsor, Hoffman Audi. Goodspeed Musicals is supported in part by the Department of Economic and Community Development with support from the Connecticut Office of the Arts.

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