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Transcendence Theatre Company announces 2019 "Broadway Under the Stars" season*Outdoor summer season opens with theater company's first production of a Broadway musical*

After eight seasons presenting its critically acclaimed "Broadway Under the Stars" musical revues, Transcendence Theatre Company announces the presentation of its first production of a Broadway musical.

The award-winning, Sonoma County based theater company opens its 2019 "Broadway Under the Stars" summer series with the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning musical "**A Chorus Line**." Conceived, Directed, & Choreographed by Michael Bennett, "A Chorus Line" features music by Marvin Hamlisch; lyrics by Edward Kleban; book by James Kirkwood Jr. and Nicholas Dante; and additional choreography by Bob Avian. The groundbreaking musical ran for 6,137 performances on Broadway. When it closed in 1990, "A Chorus Line" achieved the milestone as the longest running Broadway show in history.

Transcendence Theatre Company presents "**A Chorus Line**" from **June 14 to June 30, 2019** with outdoor evening performances at the Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen, Calif.

"We have been dreaming about producing 'A Chorus Line' for a decade," said Amy Miller, Artistic Director of Transcendence Theatre Company. "This is a groundbreaking moment for our company and for this entire community that has supported Transcendence and helped make this dream a reality."

"'A Chorus Line' is a perfect show for Transcendence because it celebrates how every person has their own unique story and journey and how that unites us all through the experience of life. I am excited to direct this reimagined version of my favorite musical. You may have seen 'A Chorus Line' before, but you have never seen it under the stars in our field of dreams. We can't wait to share it," said Miller.

"A Chorus Line" was conceived in 1974 during workshop sessions attended by several Broadway dancers, including eight dancers who appeared in the original cast. Early workshops were hosted by dancers Michon Peacock and Tony Stevens until a young, up and coming Broadway director and choreographer, Michael Bennett, was invited as an observer. Eventually Bennett took full control of the workshops and development of the show. Serving as director and co-choreographer with Bob Avian, Bennett ushered "A Chorus Line" to its Off-Broadway debut at The Public Theater in April of 1975 and then to its Broadway opening July 25, 1975 at the Shubert Theatre. With critical praise and record-breaking box office sales, the musical was honored with nine Tony Awards and received the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Transcendence Theatre Company's 2019 "Broadway Under the Stars" season, presented with outdoor 7:30 p.m. performances at the Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen, Calif. opens with "**A Chorus Line**" playing **June 14 to June 30, 2019**. The summer season at Jack London State Historic Park continues with performances of "**Fantastical Family Night**," presented **July 19 and July 20**; "**Those Dancin' Feet**," presented **Aug. 9 to Aug. 25**; and "**Gala Celebration**," presented **Sept. 6, 7 & 8**.

The "Broadway Under the Stars" experience includes pre-show picnicking at 5 p.m. in the park's sprawling vineyard and meadow. Audiences are invited to enjoy musical entertainment before the main performance with homemade picnics or gourmet picnics purchased at nearby stores. At the venue there are pre-show picnic options with a variety of food from local gourmet food trucks and vendors and fine wine representing several Sonoma County wineries at each performance.

Season and groups tickets for Transcendence Theatre Company's 2019 "Broadway Under the Stars" season are available now. **Reserve tickets by telephone at 877-424-1414 or online at BestNightEver.org**

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More about Transcendence Theatre Company: Based in Sonoma County, California, Transcendence Theatre Company is an award-winning, nonprofit arts organization comprised of artists with professional experience from Broadway, film and television. The company's headliners have included Sutton Foster and Megan Hilty. Featured performers have appeared in Broadway productions including "Hamilton," "The Book of Mormon," "Mamma Mia," "Les Misérables," "Chicago," "La Cage Aux Follies," "Gypsy," "Hairspray," "Follies," "42nd Street," "White Christmas," "Mary Poppins" and "Wicked." Transcendence Theatre Company specializes in producing high caliber Broadway concerts in distinctive Sonoma County locations - from its primary home within the majestic open-air ruins of the historic winery in Jack London State Historic Park to other remarkable and stunning settings throughout wine country and the community. Since its inception in 2011, Transcendence Theatre Company productions have been experienced by over 151,000 patrons and raised over \$440,000 for Jack London State Historic Park.