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**Transcendence Theatre Company Kicks Off 2020 Virtual Season With  
'Don't Stop Believin'  
July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**



*Best Night Ever Online Aims to Inspire People Around the World  
Featuring Hundreds of Artists from the Last Eight Years of Shows*

**SONOMA, CA (June, 2020) – Transcendence Theatre Company, the award-winning, Sonoma County based theatre company, will open their 2020 virtual season with ‘Don’t Stop Believin’, July 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be offered on the Transcendence Theatre Company website through the online platform Vimeo. The 2020 virtual season, titled *Best Night Ever Online*, is a compilation of the best performances from Transcendence’s last eight years of show footage, featuring hundreds of Broadway and musical theater artists in high-quality, never before seen footage.**

Due to the restrictions on public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, **Transcendence Theatre Company** made the decision to cancel their 2020 live season at Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen, California, **and will instead present**

**“The Best Night Ever Online”, July 10<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>. All shows will be offered free of charge, but donations are gratefully accepted and encouraged. For more information for how to view *The Best Night Ever Online*, visit [www.bestnightever.org](http://www.bestnightever.org) or call 877-424-1414.**

“We are very fortunate to have over a decade of shows preserved on video,” said Transcendence Theatre Company Artistic Director, Amy Miller. “Our process to create ‘Don’t Stop Believin’ included watching and sorting through over 1,000 songs that Transcendence created over the years. By using some of the most powerful, poignant, unique, fun, and mesmerizing performances, we built a show that we hope will inspire, uplift, and energize our audiences during this difficult time.”

**[DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' - July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19](#)**

Video Editor: Marjorie Lewit

Conceivers: Amy Miller, Amanda M. Stuart, Marjorie Lewit, Meggie Cansler Ness

Sound Mixer: Daniel Weidlein

Producer: Alan and Susan Seidenfeld Charitable Trust

‘Don’t Stop Believin’ is the musical journey of a lifetime that has been created to empower you to believe in yourself and others as we soar to new heights together as one. **Eighty-six Transcendence Artists** will combine their powers and share their souls during a voyage through life's struggles and successes. Magically designed to remind us that by truly believing in our dreams, loved ones, and community, we will make a phenomenal impact on the world.

**Some featured songs in ‘Don’t Stop Believin’ include:**

All that Jazz - Chicago (Lead vocalist: Desiree Davar, West Side Story)

You'll Never Walk Alone - Carousel (Lead Vocalist: Danny Calvert, Altar Boyz)

I Am Changing - Dreamgirls (Vocalist: Q Smith, Come From Away, Les Miserables, Mary Poppins)

My Shot - Hamilton (Lead Vocalist: Nikko Kimzin, West Side Story)

**Audience members will also hear songs from Broadway shows such as:**

West Side Story

Guys and Dolls

Ragtime

Something Rotten

42nd Street

Phantom of the Opera

We Will Rock You

Rock of Ages.....and many more.

**Show times are all PST:**

**Fridays: 7pm pre-show and 7:30pm show**  
**Saturday and Sundays:**  
**Matinee - 1:30pm pre-show and 2pm show**  
**Evening - 7pm pre-show and 7:30 show**

**“Broadway & Vine” Pre-Show Entertainment**

To enhance the *Best Night Ever Online* at-home experience, the Transcendence creative staff has designed an all new pre-show entertainment featuring interviews with Broadway Artists, Wine Country's finest vintners, and will also include information on Transcendence's history, sponsors, and community education and engagement programs. Hosted by Meggie Cansler Ness (Wicked, Apple Tree, Finian's Rainbow) and Tony Gonzalez (Mamma Mia), *Broadway & Vine* interviews include:

**July 10<sup>th</sup> - Nic Dromard (Jersey Boys, Mary Poppins, The Boy From Oz) and Desiree Davar (West Side Story). Featured winery: Paradise Ridge**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Q Smith (Come From Away). Featured winery: Iron Horse Vineyards**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> - Roy Lightner (director/choreographer) - Featured winery: Eco Terrreno**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> - Julie Craig (Fantastiks). Featured winery: Kivelstadt Cellars**  
**July 18<sup>th</sup> - Evan Ruggiero (Ellen Degeneres Show). Featured winery: Deerfield Ranch Winery**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup> - Ezekial Andrew (Ragtime). Featured winery: Annadel Estate Winery**

**Food and Wine Specials**

To further enhance viewers *Best Night Ever Online* experience, Transcendence has teamed up with several Sonoma County food vendors and wineries who will be offering special menus for each show, and promo codes for selected wineries for delivery and pick-up. (Please see website for updated vendor and wine sponsor list).

Some participating food vendors include:

[Girl & the fig](#) – every show in the 2020 season

[Perkins Catering Co](#) – every Friday night of the 2020 season

[Chef Kyle](#) – Saturday nights (check website for selected dates)

[Cuvée Wine Country Events](#) – every Sunday matinee and night of the 2020 season

**The *Best Night Ever Online* season also includes:**

**[FANTASTICAL FAMILY NIGHT - July 24, 25, 26](#)**

**[I HOPE YOU DANCE - August 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23](#)**

**[THE GALA CELEBRATION - September 11, 12, 13](#)**

**For more information for how to be a part of Transcendence Theatre Company's "Best Night Ever Online" visit [www.bestnightever.org](http://www.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 200,000 patrons and raised over \$515,000 for Jack London State Historic Park.

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