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**Cast Announcement of Inaugural Musical
“A Chorus Line”
at Broadway Under the Stars in Wine Country****Presented by Transcendence Theatre Company
in Northern California’s Wine Country from June 14 to June 30, 2019**

SONOMA, CALIF – Broadway comes to Northern California’s Wine County with the professional production of “A Chorus Line” presented by the award-winning Transcendence Theatre Company – based in Sonoma, located just north of San Francisco.

Transcendence Theatre Company opens its 2019 “Broadway Under the Stars” summer season with “A Chorus Line,” featuring a cast of Broadway and touring professionals performing the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning music in an outdoor production at Jack London State Historic Park in Sonoma County, Calif. Evening performances of “A Chorus Line” are presented on weekends from June 14 to June 30, 2019.

After seven seasons of award-winning Broadway concerts presented in Wine Country, this production of “A Chorus Line” marks Transcendence Theatre Company’s first Broadway musical presentation as part of its annual “Broadway Under the Stars” season. “A Chorus Line” is directed by Amy Miller, with choreography and associate direction by Jim Cooney and musical direction by Daniel Weidlein.

Transcendence Theatre Company announces the cast will feature **Kristin Piro** (“An American in Paris,” “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”) playing the role of Cassie Ferguson; **Matthew Rossoff** (“Jesus Christ Superstar”) as Zach; **Natalie Gallo** (“Jersey Boys,” “Mamma Mia!”) as Diana Morales; and **Alicia L. Albright** (“Frozen,” “Wicked”) as Val Clark.

The cast also includes **Lauren Sprague** as Sheila Bryant; **Julia Freyer** as Judy Turner; **Kelly Sheehan** as Kristine Ulrich; **Erika Conaway** as Maggie Winslow; **Leslie Rochette** as Bebe Benzenheimer; **Sierra Lai Barnett** as Connie Wong; **Alex Hartman** as Vicki; **Alle-Faye Monka** as Tricia; **Kimberly Pine** as Lois; **Mike Kirsch** as Larry; **Tim Roller** as Mike Costa; **Royzell D. Walker** as Richie Walters; **Michael Starr** as Don Kerr; **Luis Figueroa** as Paul San Marco; **Jeremy Greenbaum** as Mark Anthony; **Tony Gonzalez** as Greg Gardner; **Dylan Smith** as Bobby Mills; **Garen McRoberts** as Al DeLuca; **Paul Thiemann** as Frank; **Neil Starkenberg** as Roy; **DJ Petrosino** as Tom; and **Keenon Hooks** as Butch.

Conceived, directed and 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.

“A Chorus Line” pairs iconic and emotionally-evocative songs with the personal stories of 17 Broadway dancers baring their hearts and souls at a Broadway audition. The musical features timeless themes of love, passion and loss described through the intimate stories of a diverse group of characters as they compete for their shot on the line.

Featuring Broadway and national touring professionals, accomplished musicians and acclaimed production values, the Transcendence Theatre Company outdoor production of “A Chorus Line” will be a unique Broadway experience in the heart of Wine Country. The experience begins with pre-show picnicking at 5 p.m. in the park’s sprawling vineyard and meadow. Audiences can 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 that include a variety of food from local gourmet food trucks and vendors and fine wine representing acclaimed Sonoma County wineries at each performance.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. June 14 to June 30, 2019 (Friday, June 14; Saturday, June 15; Friday, June 21; Saturday, June 22; Sunday, June 23; Friday, June 28; Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30) at Jack London State Historic Park, 2400 London Ranch Road, Glen Ellen in Sonoma County, California 95442.

Tickets are \$45 to \$150 with general tickets \$45 to \$79; premium tickets \$85 to \$99; and VIP tickets \$139 to \$150. Group tickets also available. Five dollars from every ticket sold is contributed for the support and maintenance of Jack London State Historic Park in Glen Ellen, Calif.

Reservations are recommended. Call 877-424-1414 or visit BestNightEver.org

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“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. When it closed in 1990, “A Chorus Line” achieved the milestone as the longest running Broadway show in history.

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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 Folles,” “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 \$450,000 for Jack London State Historic Park.