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**OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE RECEIVES AMERICAN MASTERPIECE GRANT FROM THE  
MAINE ARTS COMMISSION FOR *GUYS AND DOLLS***

The Ogunquit Playhouse is the proud recipient of an **American Masterpiece Grant from the Maine Arts Commission**, an independent state agency supported by the **National Endowment for the Arts**, in the amount of \$20,000 for the re-staging of the timeless classic *Guys and Dolls*. Originally developed by the National Endowment for the Arts to fund projects with a national stature and scope, the Maine Arts Commission offers American Masterpieces as a major initiative to acquaint Maine people with the best of their cultural and artistic legacy. The Ogunquit Playhouse has a superlative heritage that includes the productions of the most spectacular American Masterpieces on its stage since its humble beginnings 77 years ago.

The Ogunquit Playhouse has recreated an all-new, first-class production of the highly acclaimed 1992 Broadway revival of *Guys and Dolls*, an American masterpiece, universally recognized as one of the greatest of all Broadway musicals. Executive Artistic Director Bradford Kenney went directly to the Tony Award winning director of the 1992 production, Jerry Zaks, for assistance in hiring key staff for the Ogunquit production. As a result, Steven Beckler, who has been the production supervisor since the original production with Jerry Zaks, directed and supervised *Guys and Dolls*, creating a production for the Ogunquit stage that is an "irresistible explosion of energy!" This "fabulous fable of Broadway" stars television veteran Richard Kind ("Spin City" and "Mad About You") as Master Gambler Nathan Detroit; Tony Award winning star of *Jersey Boys*, Christian Hoff as fellow gambler Sky Masterson; Broadway's Liz Larsen as Miss Adelaide; and Glory Crampton, as Sister Sarah Brown. The production features Tony Walton's Tony® Award winning sets and Tony® Award winning designer William Ivey Long's spectacular Technicolor Broadway costumes. *Guys and Dolls* is the winner of eight Tony® Awards, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the 1992 Tony® for Best Revival and a Grammy® for Best Cast Album. Set against the picturesque backdrop of New York's Broadway, *Guys and Dolls* features one of the greatest musical scores in the history of American theatre, with hits that include: "I've Never Been in Love Before," "Take Back Your Mink" and "Luck, Be a Lady."

Through American Masterpieces, the Maine Arts Commission has the opportunity to provide significant support for exhibitions, performances, tours and educational programs across all art forms that will reach large and small communities throughout Maine. The Ogunquit Playhouse is grateful to be the recipient of such a prestigious and generous award.

***Guys and Dolls is on stage now at*** the Ogunquit Playhouse through August 8<sup>th</sup>. The blockbuster-feel-good season continues at the Ogunquit Playhouse with ***Singin' in the Rain*** – live and raining on the Ogunquit Playhouse stage August 12<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>. The season comes to a close when Elvis Presley's hits roar to life on the Playhouse stage in the new Broadway musical ***All Shook Up***, starring Sally Struthers. This musical comedy is guaranteed to knock your socks off!

The Ogunquit Playhouse is *America's Foremost Summer Theatre* producing the finest Broadway musicals each season, with performances Tuesday through Sunday, from Memorial Day to Columbus Day Weekends. Main Stage ticket prices range from \$41-\$60 per show. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more information about the season, including our Children's Theatre, visit our website [www.ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://www.ogunquitplayhouse.org). Tickets on-line or through the box office in person or call 207-646-5511.