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Stefanie Powers to Star as Norma Desmond in Ogunquit Playhouse Production of *Sunset Boulevard*

The Ogunquit Playhouse is thrilled and honored to announce that the legendary star of stage and screen **Stefanie Powers** will portray Norma Desmond in this summer's production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's International sensation *Sunset Boulevard* on stage **July 28 through August 14**.

Stefanie Powers is probably best known to audiences for her work on the very popular, long-running television series "Hart to Hart" with Robert Wagner. She began her career at age fifteen, dancing briefly for famed choreographer Jerome Robbins. Stefanie was under contract to Columbia Pictures for five years appearing in 15 motion pictures, among them *Experiment in Terror*, *The Interns*, *McLintock!* and *Love Has Many Faces*, before landing her first television series, "The Girl from U.N.C.L.E." More motion pictures followed, plus dozens of TV guest appearances, over 20 mini-series and many tours in theatrical productions including *Under the Yum Yum Tree*, *How the Other Half Loves*, *Sabrina*, *A View From the Bridge*, *Oliver!* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Another television series "The Feather & Father Gang" together with "Hart to Hart," established Powers' reputation for glamour and versatility.

Stefanie toured extensively with *Hart to Hart* co-star Robert Wagner in *Love Letters*, including the play's London West End run. She later returned to the West End in the musical *Matador*. After completing eight two-hour television movie versions of "Hart to Hart," she returned to musical theatre in the first revival of *Applause* and in the musical version of *All About Eve*. She appeared Off-Broadway in *The Vagina Monologues* before returning to England to star in the debut of the American play, *The Adjustment*. England summoned her again to take over for Elaine Page in the elaborate UK production of *The King and I* and a year later she returned to the role of Anna in the US tour of the production. This past spring, Stefanie starred in the Hallmark network production of "Meet My Mom." She released her debut CD, "On the Same Page," a collection of tunes from the classic American songbook era, on which she collaborated with veteran musician/arranger Page Cavanaugh, and followed that with the debut of her one-woman show, *One From the Hart*. Stefanie's long awaited memoir, "One From the Hart," will be available in the Fall of 2010. 2010 will also mark Stefanie's first appearance at the Ogunquit Playhouse.

As much a part of her life as her career is, her devotion to animal preservation and protection often seems more of a vocation than an avocation. She is co-founder and president of the **William Holden Wildlife Foundation**, established in 1982 as a public charity to continue the late actor's conservation work in Africa. Powers resides part-time in Kenya, serves on the advisory board of three major zoos, is a Fellow of the Los Angeles Zoo, the Royal Geographic Society and the Explorers Club of America, and she created the Jaguar Conservation Trust for Jaguar Cars North America, all as part of her lifetime commitment to conservation.

The Ogunquit Playhouse is the first fully staged Regional theatre in the nation to produce an all new

Gloria Swanson and William Holden. It is the winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical and features Andrew Lloyd Webber's loveliest melodies including, "With One Look" and "As If We Never Said Goodbye."

The season continues with *Monty Python's Spamalot*, August 18 through September 11 and *Chicago*, wraps up the Playhouse season, September 15 through October 24 with Sally Struthers in the roll of Matron "Mama" Morton. The Ogunquit Playhouse is *America's Foremost Summer Theatre* producing the finest Broadway musicals each season, with performances **Tuesday through Sunday, from June 9 to October 24, 2010**. Main Stage tickets prices range from \$49-\$67 per show. Gift Certificates and Season Subscriptions are also on sale now. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more information about the season, visit our website www.ogunquitplayhouse.org. Tickets on-line or through the box office at 207-646-5511.

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