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## ***Rancho Cucamonga's Professional Musical Theatre Company Holds Auditions for Jonathan Larson's Groundbreaking Musical "Rent" on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with Veteran Broadway Performers Ron Kellum and Courtney Corey Leading the Creative Team***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**City of Rancho Cucamonga, California** – The City of Rancho Cucamonga's professional musical theatre company, will hold two days of auditions to cast its March 2010 production of *Rent*. Auditions will be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles (principals only) and on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Rancho Cucamonga (principals and ensemble). All those interested are required to submit their headshots and resumes electronically via actors access submission service at [www.actorsaccess.com](http://www.actorsaccess.com). Actors will receive a confirmation of appointment time if invited to audition. There will also be an open call audition at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. There is no advance appointment required for these open call auditions. All those wishing to audition should come prepared with photo and resume and be prepared to sing 16 bars of a song from the show and 16 bars of a pop rock.

Jonathan Larson's Groundbreaking Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical reinvented musical theatre when it debuted in 1996. An inspiring story about friends and artists struggling in New York City's East Village, *Rent* tackles addiction, poverty, AIDS and most of all, love. *Rent* transformed how a generation feels about musicals, changed Broadway forever and inspired a major motion picture.

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The Broadway at the Gardens production of *Rent* will be directed by Ron Kellum who was seen on Broadway and in national Broadway touring productions of *Chicago*, *Dreamgirls*, *Fosse*, *Joseph*, *Aida*, *Smokey Joe's Café* and *Beauty and the Beast* in addition to directing musical productions throughout the U.S. and choreographing for film and television including the upcoming feature, *Ironman 2*. He will be joined by Co-director Courtney Corey who appeared as Maureen in the first Broadway national tour of *Rent* and who most recently appeared several times as Elphaba in the Los Angeles and Chicago productions of the smash hit musical *Wicked*. Musical Director is David Lamoureux who has conducted and directed many local productions, has recorded and toured extensively as a musician with artists ranging from Gwen Stefani and Augustana to Liz Callaway and Sandy Duncan, and was a driving force behind last year's inaugural Broadway at the Gardens production of *Sweeney Todd*.

Ron Kellum will also be hosting a Musical Theatre Workshop in Rancho Cucamonga on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. for \$35 per person, with additional 10-minute private coaching sessions available for workshop participants for an additional fee of \$10. For details on this workshop, please call the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at (909) 477-2775.

Performances of *Rent* will be March 5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Tickets are \$33.50 and are currently on sale at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center Box Office located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga or online at [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com).

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000-square foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex at 12505 Cultural Center Drive is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with free parking available.

**For More Information** - For additional information, please call the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or visit [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com).

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