



"Tribute to Broadway" by the Connecticut Ballet at The Ridgefield Playhouse

Ridgefield, CT, March 19, 2008 --(PR.com)-- Imagine. Dance numbers from some of the very best of Broadway—"Sweet Charity," "Dancin'," "Brigadoon," "My One and Only," "Carousel," "The King and I" and "Singin' in the Rain"—all together at one time on stage at The Ridgefield Playhouse for Movies and the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 4. Presented by Connecticut Ballet, under the direction of Brett Raphael, the performance is a vivid "Tribute to Broadway" in every sense of the term.

The shows represented are some of the best there are or have been with regard to dance on Broadway. Broadway music itself stands along, but with the addition of dancers, the message comes alive. "The Rich Man's Frug" from "Sweet Charity" (which opened with Gwen Verdon) takes place in the Pompeii Club at the beginning of that hit show—here the dancers are dancing the latest craze. "Dancin'" opened on Broadway in 1978 and earned Bob Fosse a Tony for his choreography. This tribute will feature the marvelous number "Sing Sing Sing." Because of the intricate and demanding dancing in the show, it has not yet been cast in a revival; however, the rumor is that Fosse and Gwen Verdon's daughter, Nicole Fosse, plans a revival of "Dancin'" in the spring 2009. But, first, see this dance at The Ridgefield Playhouse.

Guest performers include singers Paris Cheffer and Culver Casson and tap dancers Beverly Ward, Kirby Ward and Colin Pritchard.

For tickets (\$48 adult; \$40 students and seniors) and further information about The Ridgefield Playhouse, call the box office at 203-438-5795; adult tickets may be also purchased online at www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org. The Playhouse is located at 80 East Ridge, parallel to Main Street.

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