

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A 'Wicked' Good, SMASH-ing Holiday Treat - A Megan Hilty Christmas Cabaret

September 30, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – Riding on the wings of a Tony Award nomination for her role in the recent revival of *Noises Off* on Broadway, Megan Hilty brings her solo show to a special holiday event presented by the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic – *Christmas Cabaret at The Commons Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.* Sponsored by Victoria Craig Griffin and Christopher Raskob, the 35-year-old Broadway alum will share her renditions of Irving Berlin's "Count Your Blessings (instead of Sheep)" and "A Place Called Home," among other holiday favorites like a swingin' "Jingle Bells/Jingle Bell Rock/Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" medley and perennial classics like "The Christmas Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Who: Megan Hilty

What: Christmas Cabaret at The Commons

Where: The Commons

300 Washington Street

Columbus, IN 47201

When: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Show begins at 8:00 p.m.



The actress accents her vocal flair with Hollywood glamour and a chameleon-like voice housed inside her fun, empathetic and energetic personality. She made her Broadway debut in 2004 as the understudy for Glinda in *Wicked* soon after graduating from Carnegie Mellon School of Drama. She was cast the lead just 10 months later after taking over the role from Jennifer Laura Thompson. In 2008, Hilty joined Allison Janney, Stephanie J. Block, and Marc Kudisch in the musical adaptation of the 1980 film *9 to 5: The Musical* as Doralee Rhodes earning her nominations for the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical, the Drama League Award for Distinguished Performance, and the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical. Ms. Hilty portrayed Lorelei Lee in the Encores! concert production of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* in 2012 for which The New York Times credited her with "[wrestling Lorelei from the hands](#)" of Marilyn Monroe and Carol Channing.

"We've come up with a bunch of fun holiday medleys and new arrangements, and they're really fun for us and I hope other people enjoy them."

[Megan Hilty](#)

In addition to her acclaimed singing and theatre work, Ms. Hilty also maintains a successful career in television. She has had starring roles in the NBC series *Smash* as Ivy Lynn, a character who is cast as Marilyn Monroe in an on-screen Broadway musical. She has also appeared in *The Closer*, *Desperate Housewives*, *CSI*, *Sean Saves the World*, and *Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce*. Hilty also has been involved in a number of voiceover projects including *Shrek the Third*, *The Penguins of Madagascar* and *Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return*.

Most recently, Hilty played Brooke Ashton in the Broadway revival of *Noises Off* for which she received a nomination for the Tony Award for best Featured Actress in a Play. She also recently completed filming *Rules Don't Apply* with Lily Collins, Matthew Broderick, Alec Baldwin, and Ed Harris scheduled to premiere in November 2016.

Unlike past Cabaret events organized by the Philharmonic, this special holiday gathering will not feature hors d'oeuvres or a dinner option for attendees. Each guest will be served a dessert, prepared by Blackerby's First Class Catering, prior to curtain

call. Also different, this show will begin 30 minutes later than past shows at 8:00 p.m. Organizers will open the doors at 7:00 p.m. for guests to check-in and enjoy the full drink selection provided by Joe Willy's Burger Bar.

Christmas Cabaret tickets are categorized into three tiers: Celebrity (\$75), Starlet (\$50) and Co-Star (\$30). Celebrity guests will receive priority center stage seating and will receive a copy of Megan Hilty's Christmas album and an invitation to a post-cabaret Meet & Greet with Megan Hilty. All seats are assigned at round tables arranged in three sections. Event management reserves the right to assign seats according to ticket purchase date. Table reservations can be made in advance. Tickets can be purchased online at www.theCIP.org or by calling the Philharmonic Box Office at 812-376-2638 x1.

Cabaret at The Commons is Columbus' premier nightlife destination, featuring a dynamic range of captivating artists in an up close and personal musical experience. Additional support provided by the event's co-sponsor Old National Bank. The downtown Columbus McDonald's is the Piano Sponsor for this special event. Supporting sponsors of the *Christmas Cabaret at The Commons* include The Republic and the City of Columbus.

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