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SARA GETTLEFINGER TO STAR IN *GREY GARDENS* AT STAGEWORKS FRESNO.

Three weeks only: Acclaimed Broadway actress to perform in musical adaptation of cult-hit movie.

JULY 24, 2013 – This summer Broadway actress **Sara Gettlefinger** is joined by regional theatre actress **Jessie Withers** as well as local actors, **Tessa Cavaletto, Nicole Dille, Daniel Hernandez, Terry Lewis, Kyla Martin, Harrison Mills, and Mark Rogers** in the Central Valley premiere of *Grey Gardens* at StageWorks Fresno. **Joel C. Abels** directs the cult-hit film turned musical at the Dan Pessano Theatre for a limited engagement of **11 performances**. A musical event that is not to be missed, *Grey Gardens* opens on **July 26**, and **plays through August 11**.

Little Edie is a dazzling socialite on a downward spiral into a life of illusions and hoarded junk. Just exactly how did Jackie Kennedy's cousin end up living in a decaying 42-room mansion full of cats? First captured in a cult-hit documentary, this true-story-turned-musical will take you on an unforgettable journey. Set in the East Hampton mansion of the Beale family, *Grey Gardens*, and based on the cult-hit documentary of the same name, this award-winning intimate musical follows the spectacular decline and fall of Edith Bouvier Beale, a relative of Jacqueline Kennedy, and her daughter "Little Edie" from a glamorous life of cocktails and house parties to a penniless existence of bizarre co-dependency in the shambles of their once-splendid home. Performed in the intimate Dan Pessano Theatre, ***Grey Gardens*** promises to be one of the most memorable musicals of the Fresno theatrical season.

Sara Gettlefinger most recently appeared as "Morticia" in the first national tour of *The Addams Family*. BROADWAY: "Dona Athene" in John Guare's *A FREE MAN OF COLOR* at Lincoln Center. *Suessical the Musical*, *The Boys from Syracuse*, "Carla" in *NINE* with Antonio Banderas, "Jolene Oakes" in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* opposite John Lithgow, as well as the first national tours of *FOSSE* and *101 Dalmatians "Cruella De Vil"*. Other NYC area credits include: "April" in *Company* (Helen Hayes), "Fastrada" in *Pippin* (Papermill Playhouse), *Tenderloin and Carnival* at City Center *ENCORES!*, *Anything Goes* at Lincoln Center, and "Little Edie Beale" in the world premier of *Grey Gardens* at Playwrights Horizons. In 2009, Sara starred as "Fastrada" in the Deaf West production of *Pippin* at L.A.'s Mark Taper Forum. Television: *The Big C*, *Georgetown*, *Guiding Light*, *Ed*, and *Without a Trace*, Film: *10 to Midnight*, *Sex In the City*, *Forbidden Love*. In 2006 Sara was signed to DECCA/Universal Records with the classical-crossover trio *Three Graces*. Their self-titled, debut album was released in stores/online in March 2008, reaching the top 10 on the *BILLBOARD/CROSSOVER* Charts, followed by a world wide, critically acclaimed concert tour.

Jessie Withers hails from Canada where she originally studied theater & opera and is a recent alumna of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Past credits include *Jerry Springer: the Opera* as *Shawntel/Eve* (Broadway World Nomination Best Featured Actress Musical, Stage Scene LA Best Featured Actress in a Musical) *Nerve* (Best Performance Lead Actress in a play 2011 OC Registrar), *Yum-Yum The Mikado* and most recently, *Irene Malloy Hello, Dolly!*

Additionally, there will be a LIVE Skype talkback with Playwright Doug Wright immediately following the Sunday, August 4th performance. It is open to the public and will begin immediately following the show at approximately 5:00 p.m. Seating is first come-first served and priority will be for those that attend the performance that afternoon.

Tickets to *Grey Gardens* range from \$18.50 to \$23.50. Tickets are available online at www.stageworksfresno.com or by calling our box office at 559.289.6622 The Dan Pessano Theatre is located at 2770 E. International in Fresno, CA.

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GREY GARDENS

FACT SHEET

- WHO:** Written by: Doug Wright Music and Lyrics by: Scott Frankel & Michael Korie
Performed by: Sara Gettlefinger, Tessa Cavaletto, Nicole Dille, Daniel Hernandez, Terry Lewis, Kyla Martin, Harrison Mills, Mark Rogers, and Jessie Withers.
Directed by: Joel C. Abels
Designed by: Joel C. Abels(Sets), Elizabeth Payne(Costumes), Ben Holley(Lights), Regina Harris(Sound), Dominic Grijalva(Projections), Angela Salinas(Production Stage Manager) and Meghann Fischer(Assistant Stage Manager).
- WHAT:** In *Grey Gardens* Sara Gettlefinger leads a cast of 9 in this Central Valley premiere of this cult-hit movie's musical adaptation.
- WHERE:** **Dan Pessano Theatre**
2770 E. International Fresno, CA 93730
- WHEN:** **11 Performances Only: July 26th – August 11th 2013**
- Friday, July 26 @ 8pm
 - Saturday, July 27 @ 8pm
 - Sunday, July 28 @ 2pm
 - Friday, August 2 @ 8pm
 - Saturday, August 3 @ 8pm
 - Sunday, August 4 @ 2pm
 - Sunday, August 4 @ 7pm
 - Friday, August 9 @ 8pm
 - Saturday, August 10 @ 2pm
 - Saturday, August 10 @ 8pm
 - Sunday, August 11 @ 2pm
- COST:** **\$18.50** – Students & Seniors **\$23.50** – General Admission
- TIX & INFO:** www.stageworksfresno.com or 559.289.6622