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**Tony nominees, Broadway stars, and Reality TV judge
come together for Benefit Concert -
“BROADWAY Chance Style: Up Close & Personal”**

**Event will support The Chance Theater, Orange County’s premiere
ensemble-based theater company**

Anaheim Hills, CA (July 2, 2008) – The Chance Theater (Oanh Nguyen, Artistic Director, Casey Long, Managing Director) is proud to announce a one-night-only benefit concert to celebrate its 10th Anniversary - **BROADWAY Chance Style: Up Close & Personal**. The event will feature 2007 and 2008 Tony nominated performers and other Broadway stars at Santa Ana’s OC Pavilion on Saturday, September 27th, 2008.

“For our 10th Anniversary, we wanted to make our annual fundraiser something really special,” said Managing Director Casey Long. “It’s an amazing lineup of talent in a in a very intimate atmosphere. People are traveling from across the country to be there, some as far away as New York.”

The event will feature an all-star lineup of Broadway veterans and stars of the large and small screens. 2007 Tony-nominated **Laura Bell Bundy** of *Legally Blonde The Musical* leads the list of top headliners along with 2008 Tony-nominated **Kerry Butler** of *Xanadu* and Anaheim’s own *Eden Espinosa* of *Wicked*. **Bart Shatto** of The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, **Stephen Tewksbury** of *Phantom of the Opera*, and **Kristoffer Cusick** of *Wicked* will also perform at the fundraiser, whose proceeds will go to support the Chance’s artistic programming, education programs, and outreach initiatives.

“We are very fortunate to have these mega Broadway stars showing their support to The Chance. It’s a great way of expanding our awareness into the theatre community and of the importance of local professional theatre.” says Artistic Director Oanh Nguyen.

The evening will be hosted by **Paul Canaan**, who is a judge on the current MTV hit reality series “The Search for the Next Elle Woods.” Canaan is also a veteran of stage having appeared in numerous Broadway productions including *Legally Blond The Musical*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

BROADWAY Chance Style: Up Close and Personal will also include silent and live auctions, a raffle drawing, and the official announcement of The Chance Theater’s 2009 Season. VIP tickets are available for this event, and they include a 5-star dinner at Ambrosia Restaurant and an exclusive after-party with the stars. **Broadway L.A.**, presenters of *Wicked* at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, is supporting the event as the Official Theme Sponsor.

Photos and complete bios for all performers are available upon request. For more information, please call Managing Director Casey Long at (714) 777-3033.

Performance & Ticket Information

Tickets: \$75 - \$200

VIP Packages: starting at \$300

Performance: Saturday, September 27th

Cocktail hour starts at 6:30pm

Concert begins at 7:30pm

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Where: The OC Pavilion
801 N. Main St. Santa Ana, CA 92701
Reservations: (714) 777-3033 or www.chancetheater.com/broadway

About The Chance Theater

Recently voted the “Best Theater Group in Orange County” by MyFoxLA, The Chance is proud to be in its Tenth Anniversary Season. A recipient of the 2007 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle’s (LADCC) Polly Warfield Award for Excellence, a vital component of The Chance Theater’s mission has always been to intimately present personally meaningful, uniquely engaging stories that promote dialogue within our community and provide a visceral experience for theatergoers. As a constituent member of Theater Communications Group (TCG) and Network of Ensemble Theaters (NET), The Chance continues to bring national attention to Southern California theater through its recent achievements, which include participation in the state-wide Festival of New American Musicals, a 2006 GLAAD Media Award nomination for Outstanding Los Angeles Theater; recognition as the 2004 Arts Orange County Outstanding Arts Organization; participation in the 365 Days/365 Plays National Theater Project and the Los Angeles Edge of the World Theater Festival.

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