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## News

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## **GLOBE'S 2003 GALA TO CELEBRATE SEASON OPENER, *ROUGH CROSSING*, ON SEPTEMBER 20**

San Diego – On Saturday, **September 20**, The Old Globe will present its annual fund raising Gala, celebrating the Season 2003/2004 inaugural production, ***Rough Crossing*** by Tom Stoppard. **Katherine Kennedy**, Globe Board Member and President of Relocation Coordinates, Inc., will chair the event, with Globe Artistic Director **Jack O'Brien** serving as Honorary Chair.

This year's Gala will take place entirely on the Globe premises, in a celebration of the Globe's achievements for the past 68 years. The evening will begin with cocktails and a silent auction on the Globe's Copley Plaza (Italian Garden) at 5:00pm. At 6:30pm, the curtain rises on a special performance of Stoppard's hilarious ***Rough Crossing***, directed by Stan Wojewodski. Following the performance, dinner and dancing will commence on the Plaza, with music by **Society Beat** featuring **Tom Blair**.

This year's Gala will feature an exciting **live auction** component, as well as the traditional silent auction. Some of the auction item highlights include a trip to London to see Jack O'Brien's production of ***His Girl Friday*** at the National Theatre; tickets to see a taping of the ***Tonight Show*** with Jay Leno; a walk-on role in the Globe's production of Dr. Seuss' ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas!***; as well as a **Skybox** at Petco Park for the Padres 2004 season

The 2003 Gala Underwriters include: the **Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina** (dinner); **Northern Trust Bank of California** (wine); **Skyy Vodka** (martini bar); and **Classic Party Rental** (equipment rentals).

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Set in the 1930s on an ocean liner crossing the Atlantic, Stoppard's hilarious adaptation of Ferenc Molnar's *Play at the Castle* tells the story of a musical-comedy writing team and their young, speech-impaired composer, who are on deadline to complete their new piece during their four-day crossing. Their cast – a haughty leading lady and her vain leading man, along with a peripatetic ship steward – aren't helping matters, and it's questionable whether the "show will go on" as they rehearse amid mishaps and misunderstandings – and very stormy seas!

The cast of *Rough Crossing* includes Christian Clemenson (Gal), Alan Coates (Ivor), Adam Greer (Adam), Deborah Annette Heinig (Chorus), Mark Nelson (Dvornicheck), Jennifer Roszell (Natasha), Bethany Smith (Chorus), Emmelyn Thayer (Chorus), and Marc Vietor (Turai).

The *Rough Crossing* production team includes Director: Stan Wojewodski, Jr., director; John Coyne, Scenic Designer; David F. Segal, Lighting Designer; Katherine Roth, Costume Designer; Paul Peterson, Sound Designer; Karl Mansfield, Musical Director; Bonnie Johnston, Musical Staging; D. Adams and Lindsay Byrne, Stage Managers.

Tickets to the 2003 Gala start at \$500. For more information, please contact S. Alexis Stein at (619) 231-1941, x2307.

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