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GLOBE GALA CELEBRATES WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL

CHITA RIVERA: THE DANCER'S LIFE ON SEPTEMBER 17

CHITA RIVERA TO SERVE AS HONORARY CHAIR

San Diego – The Old Globe hosts its 21st annual fund raising Gala on **Saturday, September 17**, in celebration of its new world-premiere musical *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life*. Multiple Tony Award-winner Chita Rivera, who stars in the musical biopic, will serve as the Gala's Honorary Chair. This exciting event is co-chaired by **Donald Cohn, Harry Cooper, Todd Figi, Conrad Prebys, Tony Thornley** and **Harvey White**, and is the Globe's largest annual fund-raiser, celebrating the achievements of the year as well as supporting the institution's education programs. The 2005 Gala is also part of the Globe's 70th Anniversary celebrations.

The Gala evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction in Balboa Park's Alcazar Garden at 5:00pm. At 6:30pm, the curtain rises on a special preview performance of *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life*, by four-time Tony Award-winner Terrence McNally and directed by Graciela Daniele. Following the performance, dinner and dancing will commence on the Globe's Copley Plaza, featuring music by Wayne Foster Orchestra. Tickets to this exciting event start at \$550; underwriting opportunities begin at \$1500. For more information, please contact the Globe's Special Events Department at (619) 231-1941, x2303 or via email at Events@TheOldGlobe.org.

Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life is a unique window into the moment when great numbers in the theatre were born, related and performed by the woman for whom they were created. This is a magical tour through landmark moments in the American musical theatre helmed by some of the greatest talents in its history, including Jerome Robbins, Leonard Bernstein, Bob Fosse, Gower Champion and Michael Kidd. Rivera will celebrate some of her most stunning Broadway performances with an ensemble cast of ten, including "Shriner's Ballet" from *Bye, Bye Birdie*, "America" and "Dance at the Gym" from *West Side Story*, "All That Jazz" from *Chicago* and the title song from *Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theaters in the country and has stood as San Diego's flagship arts institution for 70 years. The Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including the highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theater artists from around the world, as exemplified by Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan, Tina Landau, Nora Ephron and John Goodman, among many others. Numerous Broadway-bound premieres and revivals, such as Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Full Monty and Damn Yankees, have been developed at the Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs in New York and at regional theatres across the country. Under the leadership of Executive Director Louis G. Spisto, Artistic Director Jack O'Brien and Resident Artistic Director Jerry Patch, The Old Globe is at the forefront of the nation's leading performing arts organizations, setting the standard for excellence in the American theatre.