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2006 GLOBE GALA CELEBRATES EXCITING MUSICAL PLAY:

HERSHEY FELDER'S *GEORGE GERSHWIN ALONE*

ON SEPTEMBER 16

San Diego – The Tony Award®-winning Old Globe hosts its 22nd annual Gala on **Saturday, September 16**, in celebration of its Season 2006/2007 opener: Hershey Felder's *George Gershwin Alone*. This exciting event is co-chaired by **Valerie Cooper, Jake Figi, Robert Gleason, and Carolyn Yorston** 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 Gala evening begins with cocktails, abundant hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction in Balboa Park's Alcazar Garden at 5:30pm. At 7:30pm, the curtain rises on a special preview performance of *George Gershwin Alone*, written and performed by Hershey Felder and directed by Joel Zwick. Following the performance, dinner and dancing will commence on the Globe's Copley Plaza, featuring music by the 10-piece Innovation Dance Band. Tickets to this exciting event start at \$600; underwriting opportunities begin at \$2,000. Gala Underwriters are invited to an exclusive party in August at the home of author Anne Rice, where they will enjoy a private concert by Hershey Felder. For more information, please contact the Events Manager Eileen Prisby at (619) 231-1941, x2303 or via email at Events@TheOldGlobe.org.

A celebrated work about the legendary American composer, *George Gershwin Alone* is a delightful "play with music" by actor, playwright and Steinway concert artist Hershey Felder. The show incorporates the Gershwins' best-known songs, from *The Man I Love* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*, through passages and songs from *An American in Paris* and *Porgy and Bess*, to a complete performance of *Rhapsody in Blue*. The first popular composer to use jazz as the foremost musical element in the serious concert hall, Gershwin absorbed the musical styles, rhythms and sophistication of the American spirit and created a musical language that made its mark on both classical and popular music throughout the world. Hershey Felder brings to life the spirit and talent of the legendary composer and pianist, leading audiences through the fascinating rhythms of Gershwin's legendary songbook, while telling the tale of his tragically short life.

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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 Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including its highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theater artists from around the world, such as Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan 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 Old Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs in New York and at regional theatres across the country.

During the Summer Season, the Globe is presenting its renowned Shakespeare Festival, featuring A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello and Titus Andronicus, playing in nightly rotation in the outdoor Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, as well as Pulitzer Prize-winner Wendy Wasserstein's The Sisters Rosensweig and the world premiere of John Strand's Lincolnesque. Under the leadership of Executive Director Louis G. Spisto, Artistic Director Jack

O'Brien and Resident Artistic Director Jerry Patch, the Globe is at the forefront of the nation's leading performing arts organizations, setting a standard for excellence in American theatre.