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THE OLD GLOBE HOSTS NEW EVENT FOR HISPANIC THEATRE

LOVERS: "NOCHE BAJO LAS ESTRELLAS"

San Diego – The Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is pleased to announce a new special event as part of its successful “Nights at the Globe” series: **Noche bajo las Estrellas**, an exciting evening for Hispanic theatre lovers, on **Thursday, September 14, 2006**. Sponsored by the American Express Company, with additional sponsorship by XLNC1 and Deloitte, Noche bajo las Estrellas is presented in association with the Consulado General de Mexico, the Mexico Business Center, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (SDRCC), the Institute of the Americas, the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Vinos L.A. Cetto and Estilo Gourmet.

Co-chairs for the event include Globe Board members **Deni Carpenter**, SAXOD Enterprises; **Victor Gálvez**, Citigroup Smith Barney; **Viviana Ibañez**, Mexico Business Center, SDRCC; **Carlos Malamud**, I.C. Malamud & Sons; as well as **Lisette Atala**, XLNC1; **Rita R. de Cabrera**; and **Amalia Hussong**, Estilo Gourmet.

The event begins at 6:00pm with a pre-show reception in the Globe’s Plaza Garden including delicious appetizers and dessert, a hosted wine and martini bar, as well as a backstage tour. At 8:00pm, patrons will attend a performance of the acclaimed musical play: **Hershey Felder’s *George Gershwin Alone***. Tickets for this event are \$85. Attendees using their American Express card will receive special benefits including a special ticket price of \$65 per person and an invitation to attend the reception free of charge. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Erin McKown at (619) 231-1941, x2317 or email events@TheOldGlobe.org.

A celebrated work about the legendary American composer, *George Gershwin Alone* (Sept 9 – Oct 22) 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 “Nights at the Globe” series began in 2004 to offer like-minded drama lovers the opportunity to enjoy delightful evenings of food, mingling, music and theater. This season the Globe is hosting four unique pre-show mixers, including Noche bajo Las Estrellas, Wine Lovers’ Night, Thank Globe It’s Friday and Out at the Globe. For a complete schedule of “Nights at the Globe” events, please visit http://www.theoldglobe.org/special/nights_globe.html.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony® Award-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theatres 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 theatre artists from around the world, such as Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan and Chita Rivera, 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.