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BERKELEY REP ADDS ONE FINAL PERFORMANCE OF RITA MORENO'S SHOW

Last chance – *Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup* must close on November 13!

OCTOBER 28, 2011 – Her 80th birthday is fast approaching, but nothing can keep Rita Moreno off the stage. Today Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced that the legendary performer will add one more performance to the run of her hugely popular new show. Thanks to standing ovations and sold-out houses, great reviews and national interviews, *Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup* already extended its world-premiere engagement for two weeks. But this is the last chance! Her spectacular show must close after the added matinee on Sunday, November 13.

The new schedule in the Roda Theatre for *Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup* is as follows:

- Fri 10/28 @ 8 PM
- Sat 10/29 @ 8 PM
- Sun 10/30 @ 2 PM
- Wed 11/2 @ 7 PM
- Thu 11/3 @ 8 PM
- Fri 11/4 @ 8 PM
- Sat 11/5 @ 2 PM
- Sun 11/6 @ 7 PM
- Wed 11/9 @ 7 PM
- Thu 11/10 @ 2 PM
- Fri 11/11 @ 8 PM
- Sat 11/12 @ 2 PM
- Sun 11/13 @ 2 PM

During her remarkable career, Rita Moreno has portrayed some tough women, from Anita in *West Side Story* to Maria Callas in *Master Class*. Now she takes on the toughest woman of all – herself. The star of stage and screen returns to Berkeley Rep for the first time since a sold-out run in *The Glass Menagerie*. She recounts her unlikely life in an irreverent and entertaining new show called ***Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup***. Expect another breathtaking performance from the lady who won the Oscar, the Tony, the Grammy, and two Emmys.

The show was written by Artistic Director **Tony Taccone**, developed by Rita Moreno and Tony Taccone, and staged and directed by **David Galligan**. Music director **Jesse Micek** (piano) leads a lively band that includes **Sascha Jacobsen** (bass), **Alex Murzyn** (reeds), and **David Rokeach** (percussion). Two expert dancers – **Ray Garcia** and **Salvatore Vassallo** – join Moreno to perform choreography by **Lee Martino**. The show also features designs by **Anna Louizos** (scenic design), **Annie Smart** (costume design), **Alexander V. Nichols** (lighting and video design), and **Phil Allen** (sound design).

The executive producers for *Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup* are John and Helen Meyer and Jean and Michael Strunsky; the production sponsors are the East Bay Community Fund, the Bernard Osher Foundation New Play Development Fund, and the Ira and Leonore Gershwin Philanthropic Fund. For the seventh straight year, BART and Wells Fargo serve as the official sponsors of Berkeley Rep's season. The season producers are Wayne Jordan and Quinn Delaney, Marjorie Randolph, and Jack and Betty Schafer.

The Roda Theatre is located at 2015 Addison Street, near bus lines, bike routes, and parking lots – and only half a block from BART. **Tickets range from \$17 to \$78**. To purchase seats, or for more information, call (510) 647-2949 or toll-free at (888) 4-BRT-Tix – or simply click berkeleyrep.org.

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RITA MORENO: LIFE WITHOUT MAKEUP

FACT SHEET

WHO: Written by Tony Taccone
 Developed by Rita Moreno and Tony Taccone
 Staged and directed by David Galligan
 Choreography by Lee Martino
 Starring Rita Moreno with Ray Garcia and Salvatore Vassallo
 Featuring a four-piece band with Sascha Jacobsen (bass), Jesse Micek (piano / music director), Alex Murzyn (reeds), and David Rokeach (percussion)
 Designed by Anna Louizos (sets), Annie Smart (costumes), Alexander V. Nichols (video and lights), and Phil Allen (sound)

WHAT: *Rita Moreno: Life Without Makeup*, the world premiere of a captivating show created specifically for this legendary actress

WHERE: Berkeley Repertory Theatre
 Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704

WHEN: **MUST CLOSE NOVEMBER 13!**

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- Tuesdays and Fridays @ 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
- Thursdays and Saturdays @ 2:00 PM or 8:00 PM
- Sundays @ 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM
- No performances on 11/1 or 11/8
- Evening performances replace matinees on 10/29, and 11/3, 11/6

HOW MUCH: \$17 - \$78 (subject to change)

- Discounts:
- Half-price tickets available for anyone under 30 years of age
 - \$10 discount for students and seniors one hour before curtain
 - Groups of 10 or more, contact (510) 647-2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org

PHOTOS: <http://www.berkeleyrep.org/press/photos-11rm.asp>

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