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**BROADWAY'S BEST-LOVED MUSICAL IS  
NOW BROOKVILLE'S BEST LOVED MUSICAL  
*THE COLOR PURPLE* WILL PLAY  
TILLES CENTER JANUARY 29**

(December 29) – Tilles Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce that *THE COLOR PURPLE*, *The Musical about Love*, will play Brookville's Tilles Center for the Performing Arts Sunday, January 29 at 7 pm for one performance only. Tickets are \$77, \$62 and \$47. The radio partner for this performance is 90.7 WFUV.

This production of *THE COLOR PURPLE*, produced by Phoenix Entertainment ~ Joyful Noisemakers LLC, helmed by Stephen Kane and Michael McFadden, is the next phase in the life of the ground-breaking Broadway hit musical produced by Scott Sanders. The original Broadway musical opened on December 1, 2005, and was nominated for eleven Tony Awards®, including Best Musical. *THE COLOR PURPLE* ran for over two years on Broadway followed by a three year First National Tour.

*THE COLOR PURPLE* is based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the moving film by Steven Spielberg. It is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who finds the strength to triumph over adversity, and discover her unique voice in the world. With a joyous, GRAMMY®-nominated score featuring gospel, jazz, pop and the blues, *THE COLOR PURPLE* is about hope and the healing power of love.

Michael Kuchwara of the Associated Press described *THE COLOR PURPLE* as “a Roof-Raising story of triumph.” And Richard Corliss of *TIME* Magazine said, “[it is] a soaring, epic tale. It made a joyful noise in my heart.” Elysa Gardner from *USA Today* raved, “Pure heart! It celebrates the inspiring relationships of faith and love, A Broadway hit!”

*THE COLOR PURPLE* is directed by Gary Griffin and features a libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman, music and lyrics by Grammy Award®-winning composers/lyricists Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, and choreography by Donald Byrd. Rounding out the

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creative team are Tony Award®-winner John Lee Beatty (sets), Paul Tazewell (costumes), Tony Award®-winner Brian MacDevitt (lighting), Craig Cassidy (sound design), Steven M. Bishop (Orchestrations/Arrangements), and Jasper Grant (Music Director).

Stephen Kane and Michael McFadden have long been principal partners of Phoenix Entertainment and collectively share theatrical touring credits spanning nearly three decades on four continents. Their production repertoire includes: *Grease* starring Frankie Avalon, *The Will Rogers Follies* starring Larry Gatlin, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Gypsy*, *Man of La Mancha*, *The Pajama Game*, *Fame*, *Godspell*, *The Vagina Monologues*, *The King & I*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Buddy*, *Ring of Fire* and *Late Nite Catechism*, among others.

The original cast recording is available on EMI/Angel Records.

Tickets to see *The Color Purple*, Sunday, January 29 at 7 pm at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts are \$77, \$62 and \$47. All ticket prices include a \$2 per ticket facility fee. Tickets are available online at [tillescenter.org](http://tillescenter.org), or [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), in person at Tilles Center's box office or by telephone at 516.299.3100 or 1.800.745.3000. The box office is open Monday-Saturday from 1-6 pm. There is a service fee for all tickets purchased online or by phone. There are no refunds or exchanges. For additional information, call 516.299.3100 or visit [tillescenter.org](http://tillescenter.org). Press photos are available at [tillescenter.org/press](http://tillescenter.org/press).

Programs at Tilles Center are supported in part by the New York State Council on the Arts. Long Island University's Tilles Center for the Performing Arts is located on the C.W. Post Campus, Route 25A in Brookville.

For more information about *THE COLOR PURPLE*, please visit [www.colorpurple.com](http://www.colorpurple.com). ###