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**The 5th Avenue Theatre Gala  
Takes a Turn for the Sexy, Welcomes Super Star  
Cheyenne Jackson  
Back to the Stage**

*The Grammy-nominated Broadway, television and pop music star will headline the annual A Night at The 5th Gala, "The 5th Avenue Follies."*

(Thursday, April 21, 2016 SEATTLE, WA) – **The 5th Avenue Theatre** is thrilled to welcome back to its stage after a 12 year absence Grammy-nominated Broadway, television and pop music star **Cheyenne Jackson**, who will headline the annual Night at The 5th Gala, "**The 5th Avenue Follies**" on **Friday, May 20, 2016**. Jackson is a multi-talented stage, television and film actor who starred in the fifth season of Ryan Murphy's award-winning TV series, *American Horror Story*.

"The 5th Avenue Follies" will be the 13th annual A Night at The 5th Gala benefitting education programs at The 5th Avenue Theatre. The 400 person event begins with a silent auction and seated dinner at the Fairmont Hotel and is followed by a live auction and an evening of musical entertainment in the historic jewel box, The 5th Avenue Theatre. Last year's gala brought in \$737,000, with \$250,000 alone during the "raise the paddle" segment of the evening. "The 5th Avenue Follies" is proudly sponsored by Peoples Bank.

"The 5th Avenue Follies" begins at 5:30 PM with a silent auction and a seated dinner in the Spanish Foyer at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. At 8:30 PM, the party moves to The 5th Avenue Theatre for a live auction in The 5th Avenue auditorium followed by the performance by Cheyenne Jackson. Full access tickets to "The 5th Avenue Follies" (starting at \$500) are available for purchase. A special limited access \$125 ticket is available for those wishing to attend only the live auction and the performance by Cheyenne Jackson. Limited access tickets also include complimentary dessert and access to the open bar. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Chelsea Judd at [cjudd@5thavenue.org](mailto:cjudd@5thavenue.org) or by calling 206-260-2159 and asking for Danielle. Additional details are available at [www.5thavenue.org/GALA](http://www.5thavenue.org/GALA).

A veteran of the stage, Jackson most recently finished a highly celebrated run of *The Most Happy Fella* at New York City Center. He previously starred on Broadway opposite Henry Winkler and Alicia Silverstone in David West Read's play *The Performers* at the Longacre Theatre. Among his Broadway credits include roles in the recent revival of *Finian's*

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*Rainbow, Xanadu, All Shook Up, Aida, and Thoroughly Modern Millie.* Seattle audiences will remember Jackson from critically-acclaimed 5th Avenue productions of *The Rocky Horror Show, Hair* and *The Most Happy Fella*.

On television, Jackson was seen for four seasons in the guest-starring role of Danny Baker in NBC's award-winning comedy series, *30 Rock*, with additional roles on *Glee, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Family Practice, Ugly Betty, Law and Order* and *Royal Pains*, among many others. He starred in Steven Soderbergh's critically-acclaimed HBO biopic, *Behind the Candelabra*, opposite Michael Douglas and Matt Damon. He has also appeared in a number of feature films including *Mutual Friends, Opening Night, Day Out of Days, Price Check* and many more.

In addition to his acting credits, Jackson is also an accomplished singer. He made his solo debut at Carnegie Hall with his show, "Cheyenne Jackson's Cocktail Hour: Music of the 'Mad Men' Era" and more recently joined Michael Feinstein on the Carnegie Hall stage for a duet concert, featuring music from their CD collaboration, "The Power of Two." Jackson signed on with SONY/ATV as a songwriter and recording artist and released his first, full-length album of original music titled, "I'm Blue, Skies."

### **About The 5th Avenue Theatre**

The 5th Avenue Theatre is acclaimed as one of the nation's leading musical theater companies and is especially renowned for its production and development of new works. Since 2001, the Seattle-based company has produced 17 new musicals. To date, nine (including the sensational hit, *Disney's Aladdin*) have moved on to Broadway premieres, earning a combined 15 Tony Awards®, including two for Best Musical (*Hairspray* and *Memphis*). The 5th Avenue Theatre is also known for its world class, critically acclaimed productions of musicals chosen from both the contemporary canon and the Golden Age of Broadway.

Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernadine C. Griffin and Producing Artistic Director Bill Berry, this non-profit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 25,000 subscribers – one of the largest theater subscriptions in North America.

In addition to its main stage productions, The 5th Avenue Theatre is also committed to encouraging the next generation of theatergoers through its extensive educational outreach programs. For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org).

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