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Lily Live!

Comic legend Lily Tomlin brings her best-loved characters to The 5th Avenue stage January 29 and 30

SEATTLE, WA –Writer/comedienne/actress/show business legend Lily Tomlin has announced two performance dates at Seattle’s 5th Avenue Theatre, Saturday, January 29, and Sunday, January 30. *The Best of Lily Tomlin* features a collection of more than a dozen of her timeless characters, from Ernestine the Phone Lady and Sister Boogie Woman to Mrs. Beasley and Edith Ann, in a show that celebrates her decades-long career in film, TV and theatre.

The show has been called "wise and howlingly funny" by the *Washington Post*, and *Newsweek* says Tomlin has "made the one-person show the daring, irreverent art form it is today." The *New York Times* calls her simply "amazing."

Tomlin has been twice nominated for Academy Awards and has worked extensively with directors Robert Altman (in *Nashville*, *Short Cuts* and *A Prairie Home Companion*) and David O. Russell (*Flirting with Disaster*, *I Heart Huckabees*). Her many TV appearances range from *Laugh-In* and *Murphy Brown* to *Will & Grace* and *The West Wing*, and her celebrated solo show *The Search for Intelligent Signs of Life in the Universe* won her one of her two Tonys. She also has been awarded four Emmys, a Grammy and two Drama Desk Awards.

Don't miss this exceptional show — a warm and uniquely affecting experience packed with comical insights and wildly witty observations about the human condition — performed by one of the world's consummate talents.

The Best of Lily Tomlin plays Saturday, January 29, at 8 PM and Sunday, January 30 at 3 PM. Tickets are available online at 5thavenue.org, over the phone by calling 206-625-1900/toll-free 888-5TH-4TIX (584-4849), at the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in downtown Seattle.

Special thanks to The 5th’s 2010-11 season co-sponsors Safeco Insurance and US Bank.

More about The 5th Avenue Theatre

The 5th Avenue Theatre is Seattle's premier musical theater. Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. In 1980, the non-profit 5th Avenue Theatre began producing and presenting top-quality live musical theater. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernie Griffin and Producing Director Bill Berry, The 5th Avenue Theatre attracts an annual attendance of more than 287,000 and ranks among the nation's largest and most respected musical theater companies.

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 Program which includes: The Adventure Musical Theatre Touring Company, The 5th Avenue High School Musical Theatre Awards, the Student Matinee Program, and Spotlight Nights. For more information about the Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit 5thavenue.org.

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