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***RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY OF WOMEN MAKES ITS  
ORLANDO DEBUT AT THE ORLANDO SCIENCE  
CENTER'S DARDEN ADVENTURE THEATER***  
*Preview Performances Begin October 5*

ORLANDO – From Gershwin’s “Someone To Watch Over Me” to Gloria Gaynor’s “I Will Survive,” *RESPECT: A Musical Journey of Women*, an acclaimed musical review celebrating women through American popular music, makes its Orlando premiere at Orlando Science Center’s Darden Adventure Theater, 777 E. Princeton Street, beginning Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. The press performance will be Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now!

*RESPECT* takes a funny, exuberant look at the lives of women as reflected in music through the years. Written by popular music authority Dorothy Marcic, the production chronicles the lives of women throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as played out against the songs they were listening to during various periods in their lives. The musical features an ensemble cast of four, a live band, and more than 60 songs, including “I Wanna Be Loved by You;” “Tonight, You Belong To Me;” “Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend;” “Whatever Lola Wants;” “These Boots are Made for Walkin;” “Piece of My Heart;” “Born A Woman;” “I Will Survive;” “Hero” and “Video.”

“In creating *RESPECT*, I used popular music to reveal how women have evolved throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century,” says Marcic. “Because *RESPECT* is a show filled with music and humor, it has had tremendous reactions from all ages and genders – even men love this show!”

*RESPECT* has continued to develop since its debut as a one-woman show in 1999. The production has been seen in more than a dozen U.S. cities, in addition to Australia, South Africa, England, Holland and Israel. Most recently, it had a sold-out run at the Broward Stage Door’s 26th Street Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale. *The Chicago Tribune* proclaims *RESPECT* “somewhere between ‘Oprah’ and ‘Mamma Mia’” and a “savvy, self-confident, good-time thing.” *The Miami Herald* wrote, “There’s something very spirit-refreshing and empowering about seeing your life experiences... reflected in an uplifting way onstage.” *Boca Raton News* wrote that *RESPECT* gets “a big thumbs-up from a cheering throng,” and the *New Times* exclaims, “*RESPECT: A Musical Journey of Women* is high-energy, historical and hysterical!”

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*RESPECT* features a versatile cast of actresses who portray a variety of women known throughout the decades. Heather Beirne, Shannon Bilo and Celina Rodriguez depict famous figures such as CoCo Chanel, Betty Boop, Rosa Parks and Ida B. Wells, as well as members of Marcic's own family. These examples of various female figures present a keen observation into the changing views of women as the world around them is continually transformed.

Produced by D-Sharp Productions, *RESPECT* is directed by Ellen Jones. Musical direction is by Doug Sinning. The scenic designer is Kristin Abel and the lighting designer is Sonia Pasqual. *All cast and crew reside in the Orlando area and are available for interviews.*

*RESPECT: A Musical Journey of Women* begins preview performances Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Orlando Science Center's Darden Adventure Theater, 777 E. Princeton Street. The press performance will be Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The performance schedule is as follows: Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. On Thursday, Nov. 24, there will be no performance in observance of Thanksgiving. Performances will also be suspended January 12 – 21, 2006. Tickets are \$36 for the general public and \$34 for seniors 65 or older. Tickets are \$32 for groups of 15 or more. Services charges apply. For tickets and more information, please visit [www.respectthemusical.com](http://www.respectthemusical.com) for easy online ordering or call the ticket office at 866-386-4849 (4TIX). For groups of 15 or more, call Group Tix at 877-4-GRP-TIX or visit [www.grouptix.net](http://www.grouptix.net).

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