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CIRCUS THEATRICALS PRESENTS AMERICAN CLASSIC 'THE HEIRESS'

The Heiress opens Saturday, February 10th

Los Angeles, CA January 25- Award-winning and critically acclaimed theatre company Circus Theatricals will present a main stage production of *The Heiress*, an American classic about a wealthy young woman who falls in love with a man who may or may not be a fortune hunter. Written by **Ruth and Augustus Goetz**, and directed by longtime Circus Theatricals Associate Artist **Robert Cicchini**, *The Heiress* opens Saturday, February 10th, and will play Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm through March 10.

The Heiress, first produced on Broadway in 1947, is based on the Henry James novel Washington Square. Taking place in New York in 1850, *The Heiress* tells the story of Catherine Sloper – a shy and wealthy young woman, who falls desperately in love with the charming Morris Townsend - a man who may or may not be a fortune hunter. Against her father's heavy opposition, Catherine struggles to claim her independence and marry the man she loves.

The *Heiress* cast includes Circus Theatricals members: **Strawn Bovee** (Elizabeth Almond), **Stacy Cole** (Maria alternate), **Jason Huber** (Arthur Townsend), **Robert Lesko** (Dr. Austin Sloper), **Jessica Noboa** (Maria), **Judith Scarpone** (Lavinia Penniman), **Jade Sealey** (Marian Almond), **Jeannine Stehlin** (Mrs. Montgomery), and Alli **Steinberg** (Catherine Sloper). **Mario Schugel** plays Morris Townsend.

Production team includes **Derrick McDaniel** (lights), **Alina Ivette** (costumes), **Jack Stehlin** (set/props), and **Jeannine Stehlin** (sound). Producer is Artistic Director **Jack Stehlin**.

Robert Cicchini has directed Circus Theatricals productions of *Antigone*, *The Lower Depths*, and *The Maids*. As an actor, his numerous Circus Theatricals productions include performances in *Man.Gov Three Sisters*, *Hedda Gabler*, *Tartuffe*, *Modigliani*, *the Circle*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Job* (Garland Award for Acting). Robert has over 100 credits in film, Television and the theatre. Recent films include: "War of the Worlds," "Mrs. Harris," and the upcoming "Dream Girls." He has worked with many great film directors, including: Steven Spielberg, Francis Coppola, John Frankenheimer, Nike Nichols, and Spike Lee. His television credits include: "CSI," "Six Feet Under," "cold Case," "24," and most recently "Everybody Hates Chris," "Desperate Housewives," and the upcoming "State of Mind." He is an alumnus of the graduate acting program at N.Y.U.

Strawn Bovee (Elizabeth Almond) played Mary in *Sister Cities*, Clytaemnestra in *Iphigenia in Aulis*. Other Circus Theatricals credits include *Tartuffe*, (L.A. Weekly Award for Best Ensemble); *Richard III*, *Antigone*, *Macbeth*, *Deconstructing the Torah*, *The Seagull*, *Three Sisters* and *The Cherry Orchard*. TV credits include "Gilmore Girls," "The Others," *Judging Amy*." Film: "My Final Day of Intoxication," "Photosynthesis," "Just My Luck," and "All the Ships at Sea."

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