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***The Broadway Rose Theatre Company's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Opens with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***

Tigard, OR – With "a crash of drums, a flash of light," *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the internationally acclaimed musical/dance extravaganza explodes on The Broadway Rose New Stage. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's spectacular musical will open the company's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of musicals. The show previews on Thursday, February 10, 2011, and opens on Friday, February 11, with performances through March 13. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2:00 pm Sundays and some Saturdays. The New Stage is located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. Tickets start at \$28 for adults, with \$20 tickets available for ages 6 – 25. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit [www.broadwayrose.com](http://www.broadwayrose.com), or call the box office at 503-620-5262.

Noted for its family-friendly storyline, universal themes and catchy music, the show is a sentimental favorite of company co-founder and artistic director Sharon Maroney. "Joseph was the first show that Broadway Rose produced when we opened the theater in 1992. As the opening of our 20<sup>th</sup> season it just feels right," stated Maroney. The musical will be directed and choreographed by company co-founder and general manager Dan Murphy, with music direction by Rick Lewis.

The first full-length musical by legendary theatrical team Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, *Joseph* is a retelling of the biblical story of Joseph, his devoted father, his jealous brothers, and his incredible series of adventures. The musical was only 20 minutes long when an unknown 19-year-old named Andrew Lloyd Webber first created it for a British

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school choir in 1968. He asked his friend Rice to write the lyrics and soon they expanded it to 40 minutes and took it to the London stage. Since then, *Joseph* has continued to grow, both in length and popularity.

Filled with youthful energy, *Joseph* combines a wide variety of musical styles - everything from country to calypso to rock 'n' roll - in a series of memorable musical numbers. Described as a high-voltage extravaganza, *Joseph* includes such classic songs as the contemplative "Any Dream Will Do," the Caribbean infused "Benjamin Calypso," the dazzling "Jacob and Sons/Joseph's Coat," the rockabilly sensation "Song of the King (Seven Fat Cows)" and the unforgettable "Go, Go, Go Joseph."

Broadway Rose is known for producing large musicals each summer at the Deb Fennell Auditorium, while the New Stage has been home to smaller musicals and reviews. *Joseph* will be the largest cast to perform at the New Stage with 18 cast members, four musicians and 10 local children in the choir. "The children add so much to this musical and they will gain valuable experience performing in a professional stage show," says director Dan Murphy.

Starring as Joseph is Eric Little, and the narrator will be played by Leah Yorkston who was last seen in Broadway Rose's production of *G.I. Holiday Jukebox*. David Smidebush plays Potiphar, Bobby Jackson is the Pharaoh, Joel Walker is Reuben and Tommy Stefanek is Levi.

Scenic Design is by Sean O'Skea. Costumes are by Allison Dawe. Lighting is by Gene Dent and sound designer is Dan Hallberg.

Production sponsors are Platt Electric and The Oregonian.

**BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**, a not-for-profit arts organization, has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney. As the only professional musical theater company in Washington County, Broadway Rose plays an important role in enriching the community's cultural arts. Committed to increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts and working to retain Portland's talent pool and attract new talent to the area, Broadway Rose is resolved to keeping live theater affordable and making their productions accessible to all ages and members of the community. The Broadway Rose Theatre was selected as one of the "100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon" by Oregon Business Magazine in 2009 and 2010, and was selected as the 2009 "Business of the Year" by the Tigard Chamber of Commerce.

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