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HATS! Dresses Up the Las Vegas Strip

## **Dazzling Musical Production Opens at Harrah's on January 12**

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Friendship, fun and fabulousness meet in HATS! at Harrah's Las Vegas. This witty stage show chronicles one woman's anxiety over her impending fiftieth birthday and how she chooses to embrace this landmark event with the support of her friends. Already a smash hit with audiences and critics across the country, the 75- minute comedic musical production has been designed with a Las Vegas flair and will hit The Strip on Jan. 12, 2008.

HATS! features seven dynamic and compelling women whose unique approach to celebrating life appeals to audiences of all ages. The show centers around Maryanne and the wild cast of characters who accompany her on her journey toward the dreaded 50. The zany and unpredictable Ruby introduces Maryanne to the outrageous La Contessa Confessa, and the bold and brassy Dutchess DeLovely. The Baroness, a diligent corporate executive, offers her own brand of "real world" wisdom and experience. Maryanne's mother, Lady, is filled with optimism and enthusiasm for her daughter to embrace 50 and is supported by her best friend, the tireless Dame.

Outrageous costumes, scenic design, clever choreography and memorable music make HATS! a truly unique production. The story is told through the music by an acclaimed songwriting team of Grammy, Golden Globe and Tony award-winning artists including Susan Birkenhead, Kathie Lee Gifford, Melissa Manchester, Henry Krieger, Pam Tillis and many others.

The Chicago Tribune raves that HATS! is a "classy look at getting older and better! A music-and-comedy celebration! It will make a lot of people feel empowered. It does so with integrity, craft and heart."

Variety says, "This is a feel-good show that's really about feeling good."

On her morning radio show, Whoopi Goldberg praised HATS!: "If you want to see something really magnificent, not just a great musical but a magnificent presence, go see HATS!"

HATS! is inspired by the fun-loving lifestyle encouraged by the Red Hat Society. According to founder Sue Ellen Cooper, the Red Hat Society (RHS) is a worldwide organization with over 30,000 chapters in all 50 states plus 25 countries offering fun, community and empowerment for passionate, likeminded women who believe in the joys of sisterhood at any age. With distinctive red hats and purple outfits, RHS members can be found everywhere. The organization is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2008.

HATS! is presented by Dick Foster Productions, in association with Sibling Theatricals Inc. [SIBE]. Dick Foster Productions and Producer David Gravatt are responsible for dozens of theatrical shows around the world.

HATS! performs Saturday -- Thursday at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets for HATS! are \$49.95 (plus tax and fees). Special HATS! and Rita Rudner packages are available for \$99 (plus tax and fees). RHS members with Purple Perks may purchase tickets for \$39.95 (plus tax and fees). Tickets are available at the Harrah's Las Vegas box office, online at <http://www.harrahs.com/las-vegas-entertainment> or by calling (800) 392-9002.

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