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CONGRATULATES ALBERT NOCCIOLINO
TONY AWARD WINNER
BEST REVIVAL OF A MUSICAL – LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

ERIE, PA – The Erie BROADWAY Series would like to congratulate Albert Nocciolino, producer of the Erie BROADWAY Series and co-founder / co-chair of the IPN (Independent Presenters Network) and the cast of *La Cage Aux Folles* on their Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

John "Casey" Wells, Executive Director of the Erie County Convention Center Authority (ECCCA) had this to say of Mr. Nocciolino's award: "The ECCA is extremely proud of the recognition and award given to Albert Nocciolino. We consider him part of the foundation of entertainment in Erie. Albert promoted the first show in the Tullio Arena; the Beach Boys, in June, 1983 and has produced the Erie Broadway series for 30 years. Our partnership with Albert is the key ingredient in bringing the best of Broadway to Northwestern Pennsylvania. We congratulate him on this prestigious award."

Mr. Nocciolino was also nominated for Best Revival of a Musical for *Ragtime*. Previously, he received Tony awards for his work on *Monty Python's Spamalot* (Best Musical) in 2005 and in 2002 for *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Best Musical), and two additional nominations: One in 1997 for *Annie* (Best Revival of a Musical) and in 1999 for *Peter Pan* (also Best Revival of a Musical). Albert has also been a Tony Award voting member since 1982.

Albert Nocciolino serves as President and CEO of NAC Entertainment, Ltd., a company he founded in 1976. NAC Enterprises is a diversified entertainment and theatrical company specializing in the presentation of National Touring Broadway shows in New York State (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Elmira) and the State of Pennsylvania (Scranton and Erie).

In addition to directing the Broadway subscription seasons in these cities, Mr. Nocciolino is also responsible for producing and co-producing Broadway shows in New York and national touring shows, and has presented shows for over 30 years. Recently, he was appointed to serve as second vice-chairman of *The Broadway League*, the New York City-based national trade association for the Broadway Industry.

La Cage aux Folles was nominated for 11 Tony Awards this year, including Best Revival of a Musical. This Jerry Herman/Harvey Fierstein musical is the story of a gay couple who must pretend to be straight. It's a funny and touching tale of one family's struggle to stay together... stay fabulous...and above all else, stay true to themselves. Starring Kelsey Grammer as Georges and Douglas Hodge as Albin. *La Cage aux Folles* took home a Tony for Best Revival

of a Musical, for Best Performance by a Leading Male in a Musical (Douglas Hodge) and Best Direction of a Musical (Terry Johnson).

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