

RITA WILSON TAKES THE STAGE FOR ONE-NIGHT-ONLY BENEFIT CONCERT

Special Joint Fundraiser for the Geffen Playhouse and The Actors Fund
Presented by Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management

Monday, October 8 at 8pm

LOS ANGELES, August 8, 2012 — Acclaimed actress, producer, writer and Geffen Playhouse alum **Rita Wilson** is returning to the theater on **Monday, October 8, 2012** – this time to sing. For one night only, the award-winning stage and screen star will perform songs from her debut Decca Records solo album **AM/FM**, featuring iconic hits from the 60s and 70s ranging from classic love songs to folk-rock tunes. **Rita Wilson AM/FM in Concert** will benefit both the **Geffen Playhouse** and **The Actors Fund**, a national human services organization that helps all professionals in performing arts and entertainment, and will be followed by a post-show wine and dessert reception.

Wilson's new album *AM/FM* is a compilation of her take on her favorite songs from childhood – from the AM radio recordings she first experienced in the back seat of her parents' car to the FM singer-songwriter jams she sung while at the wheel herself – and features guest artists Chris Cornell, Sheryl Crow, Jimmy Webb, Jackson Browne and Faith Hill, among others. For more information about the album, visit www.ritawilson.com.

Best known on the big screen for her acting roles in *Sleepless in Seattle*, *It's Complicated* and *Runaway Bride*, among others, Wilson has made a name for herself on stage as well. At the Geffen Playhouse, she's appeared in Donald Margulies' *Dinner With Friends*, in Nora Ephron and Delia Ephron's *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* and was honored with a Distinction in Theater Award in 2009 at the annual *Backstage at the Geffen* fundraiser for her leadership in the theater community. Wilson has also starred as Roxie Hart in *Chicago* on Broadway and served as a producer on the films *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and *Mamma Mia!*

Rita Wilson AM/FM in Concert is partially underwritten by presenting sponsor **Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management**, and ticket prices currently range from \$49 to \$79 (with a special VIP ticket package available for \$100). Regular tickets can be purchased online at www.geffenplayhouse.com, in-person at the Geffen Playhouse box office or by calling 310-208-5454. For VIP packages, please contact Jamie Sherman at 310-208-6500 ext. 128.

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Gil Cates Theater at the Geffen Playhouse
10886 Le Conte Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024

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ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and second productions, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company was founded by Gilbert Cates, and is currently helmed by Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Ken Novice and Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more information, please visit geffenplayhouse.com.

ABOUT THE ACTORS FUND

The Actors Fund is a national human services organization that helps everyone – performers and those behind the scenes – who works in performing arts and entertainment, helping more than 12,800 people directly each year, and hundreds of thousands online. Serving professionals in film, theatre, television, music, opera, radio and dance, The Fund's programs include social services and emergency assistance, health care and insurance, housing, and employment and training services. With offices in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, The Actors Fund has—for 130 years—been a safety net for those in need, crisis or transition. Visit www.actorsfund.org.

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