

DICK VAN DYKE PUTS ON A HAPPY FACE AT THE Geffen PLAYHOUSE WITH A ONE NIGHT ONLY CONCERT FUNDRAISER

*Proceeds from the Supercalifragilistic Evening
Benefit Geffen Playhouse and Determined to Succeed*

August 14 at 8pm

LOS ANGELES, July 20, 2010 — Entertainment legend **Dick Van Dyke** will bring his twinkling eyes and contagious energy to the Geffen Playhouse for a one-night only concert to benefit the theater's education programs and the non-profit Determined to Succeed. Joined by his musical quartet, the **Vantastix**, Mr. Van Dyke will lead the audience in a boisterous evening, bringing to life classic favorites from hits such as *Mary Poppins*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *The Music Man*.

The concert, which will take place on **August 14 at 8pm**, will be followed by a fun-filled dessert reception featuring nostalgic sweets and champagne. Tickets are available through the Geffen Playhouse box office at **310-208-5454** and are **\$100 for mezzanine seats, \$125 for orchestra seats and \$150 for VIP house seats**.

In addition to raising funds, the evening will also honor Mr. Van Dyke's commitment to the Geffen Playhouse's outreach programs. To honor his longtime support of the theater, the Geffen Playhouse will name a dressing room in honor of the celebrated entertainer. During the program that evening, Geffen Playhouse producing director Gil Cates will present Mr. Van Dyke with a special plaque to commemorate the tribute.

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 musicals, 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 is helmed by Producing Director and President of the Board Gilbert Cates, 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 DETERMINED TO SUCCEED

Determined to Succeed is a unique program dedicated to providing an exceptional group of low socio-economic students with comprehensive year-round support. The students are guided from the critical middle school years through high school and the college acceptance process. Our program tutors and mentors these students by empowering them with more confidence, stronger self-esteem, and a better education. For more information, please visit dtsla.org.

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