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American Stage in the Park, 2019 presents the musical MAMMA MIA!

**The smash hit feel-good musical makes its way to
Demens Landing on April 10th through May 12th. #asMAMMAMIA**

TOP 3 REASONS TO SEE MAMMA MIA!

1. MAMMA MIA! is a record-breaking smash hit - one of the longest running musicals in Broadway history. It's also the 20 year anniversary of the world premiere in April 6, 1999.
2. The timeless pop-hit songs of ABBA come together in this upbeat musical featuring a 5-piece band and a cast of 20.
3. American Stage in the Park has been a celebrated Tampa Bay tradition for over thirty years. Established in 1986, American Stage in the Park was first known for producing Shakespeare to audiences in and around Tampa Bay. In 2006, American Stage in the Park expanded to include comedies and modern musicals presented under the stars each spring at Demens Landing Park in downtown St. Pete.

"The sunniest of all musicals...it provides new pleasures every time" – Sunday Express

St. Petersburg, FL – American Stage in the Park is excited to celebrate the opening of the record-breaking Broadway musical **MAMMA MIA!** The music & lyrics are by Björn Ulvaeus & Benny Andersson with book by Catherine Johnson. 2019 marks the 10th year anniversary for Bank of America as the title sponsor of American Stage in the Park.

Stephanie Gularte will be making her American Stage in the Park directorial debut and Shain Stroff (American Stage (AS) SPAMALOT, HAIRSPRAY, and THE PRODUCERS) will be returning as choreographer and assistant director.

"The tropical paradise setting of MAMMA MIA! and its upbeat rock vibe make this musical an ideal match for our Demens Landing performances. This will be my fifth American Stage in the Park production as the organization's producing artistic director but it is my first time directing the park show. I am really excited to be working 'in the trenches' with our talented creative team as we tell this celebratory story about friendship, family and love." -Stephanie Gularte, Director and Producing Artistic Director

Stroff added, ***"I'm really looking forward to teaching this fantastic cast the high energy choreography I have planned for this show. My hope is that the audience will let go, clap along, and tap into that joyful feeling you get when you know there's more excitement to come."***

Stroff received the Outstanding Choreography/Fight Direction Theatre Tampa Bay award for smash hit SPAMALOT. MAMMA MIA! will have 20 actors, 17 of which are local. This large cast will feature the returning talents of Alison Burns* as Donna (AS - HAIRSPRAY and THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW), Becca McCoy* as Rosie (AS - SPAMALOT), Jim Sorensen* as Sam (THE PRODUCERS and THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW) and many more. The following cast are making their American Stage debut: Jennifer Byrne* as Tanya, Julia Rifino as Sophie, Kelly Plescia as Ali, Holly Atwood as Lisa, Armando Acevedo* as Bill, Cameron Hale Elliot as Sky, Matthew Alexander* as Eddie and Erick Ariel Sureda* as Pepper.

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MAMMA MIA! runs from April 10 through May 12, 2019. Gala Under the Stars, our Opening Night, is Friday, April 12, 2019. The evening begins at 6 PM, with a gourmet dinner and an open bar of beer and wine followed by the 8 PM performance of MAMMA MIA! Guests will enjoy a host of activities before the show, that help provide support for American Stage's artistic and educational programming year-round. Inspired by the artistry of this year's production of MAMMA MIA!, Chef Tyson Grant of Parkshore Grill created a special menu, Green Bench Brewery Co. crafted a unique brew, and Duncan McClellan made a one of a kind glass art piece.

Gala Under the Stars is the organization's largest fundraising event of the season. Proceeds support American Stage's artistic and educational programming.

THE MUSICAL

The magic of American Stage in the Park and the timeless pop-hit songs of ABBA come together in this up-beat musical set on a tropical Greek Island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. This enchanting tale of love, laughter, family and friendship features a large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers for an unforgettable night under the stars!

ABOUT AMERICAN STAGE IN THE PARK

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FOOD & DRINK (through the run of PARK)

Leave the PICNIC and FUN to us before the show!

Food and beverages (both alcoholic and non) are available at concessions. In support of American Stage, an exclusive park menu is being created specifically for American Stage in the Park by GotoSteves.com Executive Chef Chuck Bandel. A specialty beer has been crafted by Green Bench Brewing Co. in honor of 2019 American Stage in the Park. Brewed in the Helles tradition, this German style pale lager is brewed with blueberries and hibiscus, creating a refreshing taste with a hibiscus pink hue.

CAST

Donna: Alison Burns*
Tanya: Jennifer Byrne*
Rosie: Becca McCoy*
Sophie: Julia Rifino
Ali: Kelly Plescia
Lisa: Holly Atwood
Sam: Jim Sorensen*
Bill: Armando Acevedo*
Harry: Larry Alexander*
Sky: Cameron Hale Elliot

Eddie: Matthew Alexander*
Pepper: Erick Ariel Sureda*
Ensemble: Kaylie Horowitz
Ensemble: Erin Leigh Knowles
Ensemble: Bianca Chico
Ensemble: Renata Eastlick*
Ensemble: Dylan Connor Renfrow
Ensemble: Mark Wildman
Ensemble: Emanuel Carrero
Ensemble: Matt Acquard

DIRECT LINK to publicity photos: www.AmericanStage.org/media

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For Cast Bios please visit www.AmericanStage.org/park

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CREATIVE

Stephanie Gularte (Director)

Shain Stropp (Choreographer/Assistant Director)

Michael Raabe (Music Director)

Jerid Fox (Scenic Design / Properties Master)

Mike Wood# (Lighting Designer)

Abby May (Assistant Lighting Designer)

Dalton Hamilton (Associate Lighting Designer/Programmer)

Jill Castle (Costume Designer)

Scott Daniel (Wig Designer)

Steve Kraack (Sound Design)

Rachel Harrison* (Production Stage Manager)

Amanda LaForge* (Assistant Stage Manager)

Season Wong (Assistant Stage Manager)

*Member of Actors' Equity Association

#Member of the United Scenic Artist union

THE SONGS

Act 1

Overture

I Have A Dream

Honey Honey

Money Money Money

Thank You for the Music

Mamma Mia

Chiquitita

Dancing Queen

Lay All Your Love on Me

Super Trouper

Gimmie, Gimmie, Gimmie

The Name of the Game

Voulez-Vous

Act 2

Entre'acte

Under Attack

One of Us

S.O.S.

Does Your Mother Know?

Knowing Me, Knowing You

Our Last Summer

Slipping Through My Fingers

The Winner Takes It All

Take a Chance on Me

Dancing Queen Hymn

I Do, I Do, I Do

I Have a Dream

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: American Stage in the Park presents the smash hit feel-good musical, MAMMA MIA!

WHERE: Demens Landing Park
located on the corner of 1st Avenue SE and Bayshore Drive SE
in downtown St. Petersburg, FL.

WHEN: April 10 – May 12, 2018
WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY | 8pm
Gates open at 6 pm and Will Call opens at 5:30 pm

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES:

Preview Wednesday, April 10, 8pm, “Pay What You Can”
Preview Thursday, April 11, 8pm, “Pay What You Can”

Opening Night Gala Fundraiser: Friday, April 12, 6pm (Performance: 8pm)
For more details or to purchase tickets and/or tables, visit: AmericanStage.org/gala

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION NIGHTS:

Sunday, April 21st – Pets in the Park*
Sunday, April 28th – PRIDE PLUS
Show your support for the LGBT+ community.

Pets are allowed only on designated night.*

BOX OFFICE:

TICKETS START AT \$20
Lawn and Reserved seating available.

GENERAL Lawn Admission (ADVANCE):

Wed, Thurs, Sun – \$20
Fri & Sat – \$25

PREMIUM Blanket Seating:

Wed, Thurs, Sun – \$35
Fri & Sat – \$40

GENERAL Lawn Admission (AT THE GATE):

Wed, Thurs, Sun – \$30
Fri & Sat – \$35

RESERVED Chair Seating:

Wed, Thurs, Sun – \$45
Fri & Sat – \$50

Children 6 and under are free on the lawn.

TICKET PURCHASES:

Box Office: (727) 823-PLAY (7529)

Email: BoxOffice@AmericanStage.org

Online: www.americanstage.org/park

Walk-up: 163 3rd Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 or at Demens Landing Park when gates open.



SERVICES & FACILITIES

Accessible parking, entrances, restrooms, and seating.

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AMERICAN STAGE

American Stage Theatre operates as a 501-(C)3, and has been providing live theatrical performances as a professional regional equity theatre in the heart of St. Petersburg, Florida, since 1977. American Stage's mission is to reinforce the power of live theatre with high quality productions that excite and challenge a diverse audience. Our year-round programming seeks to realize this through our Mainstage season, Spotlight Series, 21st Century Voices: New Play Festival, American Stage in the Park and Improv. American Stage Education's offerings include award-winning Teaching Artist Outreach focused on bringing theatrical arts experiences to underserved populations, helping them to excel onstage & beyond.

We believe that through the telling of dynamic stories, live theatre has the power to unite us in our shared experiences and to deepen our connection to one another through the illumination of diverse perspectives. American Stage artists and stakeholders are responsible for helping a small theatre touring company blossom into a thriving world-class professional theatre providing nearly 70,000 Tampa Bay residents and tourists with accessible, relevant art and arts education annually.

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