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THE OLD GLOBE AND UCSD-TV CREATE NEW “BACKSTAGE AT THE GLOBE” PROGRAM ON WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL *HIMSELF AND NORA*

San Diego, CA – The Tony Award®-winning Old Globe and UCSD-TV have again teamed up to create the latest “Backstage at the Globe” program featuring the Globe’s thrilling world-premiere musical, *Himself and Nora*.

This fascinating 30-minute program focuses on the process of mounting the production, which plays in the Old Globe Theatre March 24 through April 24. Viewers will get a taste of the rehearsal process and hear insights about the play from composer **Jonathan Brielle**, author **Sheila Walsh**, directors **Joseph Hardy** and **Jeff Calhoun**, as well as cast members, designers and Globe Artistic Director **Jack O’Brien**.

Himself and Nora is a luminous new musical that shines a light on one of modern literature’s most celebrated writers, James Joyce, viewing his accomplishments through the prism of his unique relationship with Nora Barnacle. Although she was an uneducated Irish chambermaid, Nora became Joyce’s quintessential muse, helping him through a myriad of artistic and emotional challenges, while providing both inspiration and salvation. Their passionate, earthy romance was a profound influence on his life and helped mold him into the eminent artist he would eventually become. The score runs the gamut from spirited Irish tunes to charming love ballads. This haunting, poetic and sophisticated new musical explores the many conflicts wrought by James Joyce’s unconventional life, while celebrating his groundbreaking accomplishments as a writer.

The “Backstage at the Globe” episodes on *Himself and Nora* will air on **April 1 at 9:30pm; April 4 at 7:30pm; April 5 at 9:30pm; April 7 at 11:30pm; April 8 at 8:30pm; April 11 at 6:30pm; April 13 at 10:00pm; April 15 at 9:30pm; and April 18 at 7:30pm**. UCSD-TV airs on Cox Cable channel 66; North County Cox Cable channel 69; Time Warner Cable channel 18; Del Mar Cablevision channel 66; or UHF (no cable) channel 35. For more information on UCSD-TV, visit www.ucsd.tv.

The “Backstage at the Globe” series was launched in May, 1998 and was inspired by Globe Board member Steven H. Scheuer, to offer viewers a unique behind-the-scenes look at how each Globe show is put together, including the artistic and technical aspects, as well as interviews with directors, designers, actors, and playwrights. The Old Globe’s production of *Himself and Nora* is sponsored by Conrad Prebys. The production is also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

UCSD-TV, the university's innovative broadcast link to the community, has developed a unique programming format focused on regional issues, special events, performances and university lectures in order to provide the entire San Diego community interesting, thought-provoking programs of regional significance.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony Award-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theaters in the country and has stood as San Diego’s flagship arts institution for nearly 70 years. The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including the highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theater artists from around the world, as exemplified by Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan, Tina Landau, Nora Ephron and John Goodman, among many others. Numerous Broadway-bound premieres and revivals, such as Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Full Monty, and Damn Yankees, have been developed at The Old Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs in New York and at regional theatres across the country. Under the leadership of Artistic Directors Jack O'Brien and Craig Noel and Executive Director Louis G. Spisto, the Globe is at the forefront of the nation’s leading performing arts organizations, setting the standard for excellence in American theater.