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OLD GLOBE ANNOUNCES 2007 SUMMER SEASON **SCHEDULE UPDATE:**

SUMMER PRODUCTION OF *BARNUM* CANCELED. THE GLOBE AND DIRECTOR JOHN DOYLE WILL ANNOUNCE REPLACEMENT IN COMING WEEKS.

San Diego –Today The Old Globe announced the cancellation of its 2007 summer season production of *Barnum* due to the theatre being unable to come to an agreement with the rights holders. Director **John Doyle**, who took home the 2006 Tony Award® for his direction of the hit revival of Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's *Sweeney Todd*, and whose current Broadway production of *Company* has garnered critical acclaim, is working with the Globe on a replacement which will be announced in the coming weeks.

“We look forward to collaborating with director John Doyle on a new project. John is one of the most innovative directors working in the theatre today and we are excited about exploring new opportunities with him and expect to announce a project for the summer season in the coming weeks,” said Globe Executive Director Louis Spisto.

Director John Doyle made his Broadway debut in the fall of 2005 with a critically-acclaimed production of *Sweeney Todd*, for which he won the Tony Award for Best Direction. His current Broadway production of Sondheim and George Furth's *Company* has also garnered critical acclaim. He has been the artistic director of four prestigious regional theatres in the United Kingdom and has directed more than 200 professional productions. For the last 10 years, Mr. Doyle has been an associate director of Watermill Theatre, where he pioneered musical theatre through actor-musicianship. Notable productions include *The Gondoliers* (which transferred to London's West End), *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Irma La Douce*. Doyle's work has won three Regional Theatre Awards for Best Production of a Musical, as well as four further nominations in the same category (most recently for his acclaimed revival of *Mack & Mabel*). Mr. Doyle's London production of *Sweeney Todd* was nominated for a Laurence Olivier Award and an Evening Standard Award and won the Whatsonstage Award for Best Musical Revival.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theatres in the country and has stood as San Diego's flagship arts institution for 71 years. The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including its highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theatre artists from around the world, such as Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan and Chita Rivera, 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.

Highlights of the Globe's 2006/7 Season include the acclaimed production of Hershey Felder as George Gershwin Alone, the west coast premiere of Ace, as well as Amy Freed's Restoration Comedy, the co-world premiere of Pig Farm, August Wilson's Two Trains Running and Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. Under the leadership of Executive Director Louis G. Spisto, Artistic Director Jack O'Brien and Resident Artistic Director Jerry Patch, the Globe is at the forefront of the nation's leading performing arts organizations, setting a standard for excellence in American theatre.

