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'HIT TUNES FROM FLOP SHOWS' OPENS THREE WEEKEND RUN IN SUMMERGARDEN - AUGUST 27

HIT TUNES FROM FLOP SHOWS (75 years of GREAT MUSIC from Broadway's BIGGEST TURKEYS!) opens a three weekend run by the Brooklyn-based Atlantic Players in The Museum of Modern Art's SUMMERGARDEN at 8 PM, Friday, August 27, 1976.

The review, which played to standing-room-only in a limited run in Brooklyn Heights earlier this summer, is directed by VINCENT NAPOLI who also co-authored the show's book with CHUCK REICHENTHAL. In the cast are PHYLLIS YOUNG, VINCENT TAURO and ALEXA GRANT. Musical Director is LYNN LAVNER. Napoli narrates.

Napoli declines to name any of the songs in the show, though he willingly puts the finger on a few of the composers -- all-time greats in the annals of musical theater: GEORGE M. COHAN, KURT WEILL, IRVING BERLIN, COLE PORTER and even EUBIE BLAKE, to name just a few.

The songs are so familiar that the show quickly turns into an irresistible sing-a-long. The surprising thing is that some of the best loved standards of our time come from Broadway's Big Duds.

HIT TUNES FROM FLOP SHOWS spotlights the music while exploring the shows and the years in which they opened... and closed.

Napoli encourages the audience to guess the shows -- that's the fun of it -- and the interaction between audience and cast is intimate as they joyously romp through some of the brightest lights in The Great White Way (from some of her darkest hours). The show leads up to perhaps the most famous show tune ever! And it's from one of Broadway's biggest BOMBS.

HIT TUNES FROM FLOP SHOWS runs Fridays and Saturdays, August 27 and 28; September 3 and 4; 10 and 11. Performances are at 8 PM. Admission is free through the Museum's Sculpture Garden gate at 8 West 54 Street. SUMMERGARDEN is made possible by a grant from MOBIL.

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