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**BOHO THEATRE STAGES TIMELY TALE OF PREJUDICE AND
INTOLERANCE WITH MUSICAL *PARADE***

*Based on actual events from 1913, this stirring revival peers
into one of the darkest corners of America's history.*

CHICAGO (August 27, 2014) — BoHo Theatre closes out its milestone 10th anniversary season with the stirring musical *Parade*, directed by Linda Fortunato (Jeff-Award winner for Choreography for BoHo's *Kiss of the Spider Woman*) with music direction by Matt Deitchman. Opening in October at Theater Wit, *Parade* tells the story of the trial of Leo Frank, a northern Jew accused of the murder of a teenage worker in his Southern factory. This Tony Award-winning musical by acclaimed playwright Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*) and composer Jason Robert Brown (*The Last Five Years*, *Bridges of Madison County*) shines a revealing light on the intolerance and racial tension that continues to haunt America, as well as the endurance of love and hope against all odds. *Parade* represents the Bohemian Pillar of Love in BoHo's 2013/2014 Season.

LISTING INFORMATION

Parade

Music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

Book by Alfred Uhry

Directed by Linda Fortunato

Music Direction by Matt Deitchman

October 17 – November 16, 2014

at Theater Wit, 1229 W Belmont Ave, Chicago

PERFORMANCE TIMES

Preview: Friday, October 17 at 8pm

Press Opening / Opening Night: Saturday, October 18, at 8 pm **press invitation to follow

Performance run: October 19 – November 16

Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm.

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TICKETS

Tickets are available now online at www.BoHoTheatre.com or (773) 975-8150.

Tickets are \$27 for Friday & Saturdays, \$25 for Thursdays and Sundays, with discounts available for seniors and students.

THE PLAY

The story of *Parade* is based on actual events which continue to haunt historians and legal experts to this day. In 1913, Leo Frank, a Brooklyn-raised Jew living in Georgia, was put on trial for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan, a factory worker under his employ. Already guilty in the eyes of everyone around him, a sensationalist publisher and a janitor's false testimony seal Leo's fate. His only defenders are a governor with a conscience, and his assimilated Southern wife who finds the strength and love to become his greatest champion. Daring, innovative and bold, *Parade* is filled with soaring music and a heart-wrenching story, offering a moral observation about the dangers of prejudice and ignorance that should not be forgotten.

THE PRODUCTION

Events currently happening throughout our country prove that the stigma and persecution of the “others” in society remains as dangerous and deadly as it was 100 years ago. The real life events of the murder of Mary Phagan and the trial of Leo Frank continue to be debated to this day, often still laced with the same racism and xenophobia as the original investigation. BoHo Theatre’s *Parade* takes these large-scale events and contrasts them with the intimate and personal struggle of Leo and Lucille Frank, who have only their bond to each other to help them navigate this crisis. Through Uhry and Brown’s retelling of this story, we seek to remind our community that hatred and injustice can only occur where there is an absence of empathy and love.

CAST

Jim DeSelm as Leo Frank

with Angela Alise, Sarah Bockel, Christa Buck, Nathan Carroll, Lillie Cummings, Scott Danielson, Cole Doman, Eric Lewis, Michael Potsic, Rus Rainear, Russell Alan Rowe, Lorenzo Rush Jr., Rachel Shapiro, and Peyton Tinder.

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Produced by Kaela Altman and Meg Love

Scenic Design by Patrick Ham, Lighting Design by Brian Hoehne, Costume Design by Matt Guthier, and Props Design by Cassy Schillo.

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BoHo Theatre's mission is to create bold theatre that challenges convention through innovative storytelling and unites artist and audience in the examination of Truth, Beauty, Freedom and Love through the lens of human relationships. Its vision is to create a shared community of artists and patrons in which all members are moved through art to make thoughtful, well-examined, caring relationships the highest priority in their lives.

BoHo's upcoming 2015 season features *Ordinary Days* by Adam Gwon at the Heartland Studio, *Scotland Road* by Jeffrey Hatcher at the Heartland Studio, and *Dogfight* by Benj Pasek, Justin Paul, and Peter Duchan at Theater Wit.