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**42ND STREET MOON PRESENTS THE RODGERS AND HART CLASSIC
BABES IN ARMS
FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

Tickets: 415/255-8207 or www.42ndstmoon.org

SAN FRANCISCO, October 14, 2010—42nd Street Moon, the company that presents intimate productions of uncommon musicals, has chosen a show perfectly suited to the holiday season: *BABES IN ARMS* by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, with the script adapted by John Guare. The show features memorable popular classics like “My Funny Valentine,” “The Lady is a Tramp,” “Johnny One-Note,” “Where or When?” “I Wish I Were in Love Again,” and “All at Once.” Low-priced previews will be presented at the Eureka Theatre on December 1, 2 and 3, with the Opening on Saturday, December 4 at 6 pm. It will run through December 19.

“*Babes in Arms* is the granddaddy of all “barn musical” shows – and it has one of the greatest musical theatre scores ever written,” said Moon Artistic Director **Greg MacKellan**. “Most people have seen the 1950s rewrite of *Babes*, but in 1999, New York’s *Encores!* series restored the original script and score, and that’s the version we did later that year. We’re delighted to be bringing it back in a new production. The book has more to it than people may know – I think it will surprise audiences, which is what we want to do.”

Dyan McBride heads the creative team as director. She has worked with 42nd Street Moon as a performer and director since 1995, and also serves as Education Director for the newly created MoonSchool. Her directorial credits with the company include *Do Re Mi*, *Mack and Mabel*, and *Call Me Madam*. “I love *Babes in Arms* because it is hopeful and full of spirit,” McBride said. “It’s clever, inventive, fun, zany and charged with the excitement of youth.” **Dave Dobrusky** will once again serve as music director, and **Zack Thomas Wilde** will provide the choreography.

Heading the cast as “funny valentine” Val Lamarr is **Michael Scott Wells**, in his debut role with the company. He plays opposite Moon favorite, **Alexandra Kaprielian**, starring as the resourceful heroine Billie Smith. **Joshua James** appears as Val’s best friend, Marshall Blackstone, while former Hollywood child star, Baby Rose, is portrayed by **Sophia Rose**

Morris. The sheriff's daughter Delores is played by **Tyner Rushing** with **Caleb Haven Draper** as her friend Gus. Peter, the budding communist, is portrayed by **Jonathan Shue**. Others in the cast are **Isaiah Boyd, Zak Franczak, Ben Euphrat, Gabriel Stephens, Annie Donahey** and **Dirk Leatherman**.

The 2010-11 Season continues in April, 2011, when 42nd Street Moon's Ira Gershwin celebration continues with **STRIKE UP THE BAND**, and the season closes in May with Cole Porter's **SILK STOCKINGS**.

Tickets from \$24 - \$44 are available through the 42nd Street Moon Box Office at **415/255-8207** (Open Tues. - Fri. from noon to 5 p.m.), or through the website www.42ndstreetmoon.org. All performances are presented at San Francisco's intimate Eureka Theatre, 215 Jackson St.

42nd Street Moon celebrates and preserves the art and spirit of the American Musical Theatre, presenting intimate productions of "Uncommon Musicals" -- classic and rarely performed shows by the great 20th century songwriters. Through productions, educational programs, and community outreach, the company is committed to increasing the awareness and appreciation of the rich heritage and cultural perspective of the musical theatre and its vast influence on the world stage. Since 1993 the company has staged more than 95 musicals, as well as several revues celebrating the dazzling legacy of the 20th Century's greatest musical theater composers and lyricists.

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For Calendar Editors:

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BABES IN ARMS

Music by **Richard Rodgers**/Lyrics by **Lorenz Hart**

Book by **Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart**

Adapted by **John Guare**

December 1 - 19, 2010

Low-priced previews: Weds. Dec 1 at 7 pm/Thurs. & Fri. Dec. 2 & 3 at 8 pm

Opening: Sat. Dec. 4 at 6 pm

Performances through Dec. 19:

Weds. at 7 pm, Thurs. & Fri. at 8 pm, Sat. at 6 pm, Sun. at 3 pm

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