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**Cape May Stage Invites Audiences
to
Pay a Visit to
*Visiting Mr. Green***

**An Award-Winning Play
Starring
Ben Hammer & Peter Sabri**

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Visiting Mr. Green
Written by Jeff Baron
Directed by Roy Steinberg

Previews September 2, 2009
Opens September 3, 2009
Closes September 26, 2009

Cape May, NJ—August 3, 2009—Acclaimed stage and screen actor, Ben Hammer, will pay Cape May Stage Audiences a welcome visit in the award-winning *Visiting Mr. Green* by popular playwright Jeff Baron. Broadway veteran Hammer will be joined by up-and-comer Peter Sabri with both actors reprising their roles as Mr. Green and Ross, respectively. Consistently earning rave notices for their outstanding work on New York and regional theater stages, their performances have been called “rich and grounded” and “mesmerizing”, respectively. This new production directed by Artistic Director, Roy Steinberg promises to be another first-rate presentation, continuing the trend this summer of sell-out shows at The Robert Shackleton Playhouse.

What starts out as an “Odd Couple” style-comedy, evolves into a poignant story filled with humor and pathos. When an elderly Jewish dry cleaner walks into the path of an oncoming yuppie’s car, a judge with a sense of humor requires the young man to pay a series of visits to his victim. Two worlds literally collide as these seemingly different men discover friendship in the most unexpected way, and in the process learn the dangers of intolerance and isolation. *Visiting Mr. Green* has earned international recognition, having been translated into 23 different languages and won numerous awards world-wide. As playwright Jeff Baron describes the

characters' journeys, "They end up playing out a lot of unfinished business each has with his own family. They've both been keeping a lot inside, and in the course of the visits, it all explodes." Baron will make an appearance on September 12 for a post-show discussion with the cast. Audiences will empathize with this emotionally engaging play and love every minute they spend *Visiting Mr. Green!*

About the Cast

Ben Hammer made his Broadway debut years ago with the illustrious Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne in *The Great Sebastians*. He has worked with renowned directors such as Garson Kanin in the original production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and Jerome Robbins in *Mother Courage*, which also starred Anne Bancroft. Hammer later starred again with Bancroft in *Golda* and in *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* with Christopher Plummer. Other Broadway credits include *Neil Simon's Broadway Bound*, *The Three Sisters* and *At the Roundabout*. He has worked in most of the top regional theaters including the Mark Taper Forum, the Denver Center, Philadelphia Theater Company and Syracuse Stage. Hammer has appeared in the films *Analyze That*, *Sleepers*, *The Jagged Edge* and television programs *Ed*, *Law and Order*, and *The Winds of War*.

Peter Sabri received his BFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and since graduating, has managed to continue living in Manhattan, working in theater, television, voiceover, and print. Last summer he was nominated as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play for his portrayal of Captain Richard Deluca in *Penang*, which premiered at the Midtown International Theater Festival. Most recently, he's had the honor of working on *Visiting Mr. Green* as a reading series, starring opposite Eli Wallach at the Players Club in New York City and the Guild Hall in East Hampton, New York.

Production Team

Production team includes Roy Steinberg (Director), Donald Toal (Production Stage Manager), Robert Martin (Set Designer), J. Dominic Chacon (Lighting Designer), Michael Starobin (Original Music), Will Knapp (Sound Designer)

Ticket Information

Visiting Mr. Green performs Wednesdays through Sundays at 8pm from September 2 through September 26 on the Otto Haas Stage at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse of the Cape May Stage. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$25 seniors, and \$12.50 students. Preview on September 2 will be half-price tickets. Call (609) 884-1341 for tickets and information or visit the theatre's website, www.capemaystage.com. Audio enhancement, wheelchair accessible seating, and large print programs are available with advance notice by calling the box office at (609) 884-1341.

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