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**Cape May Stage Presents
Broadway and Beyond
with Tony Winner Karen Ziemba**

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Cape May, NJ – Cape May Stage is thrilled to welcome another veteran Broadway performer into their ranks! On Monday, August 16th, Tony-winner Karen Ziemba lends her considerable talents to the Otto and Phoebe Haas Stage. Part of Cape May Stage’s inaugural Second Stage Broadway Series, Ms. Ziemba’s one-woman cabaret will run at 8pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at the corner of Bank and Lafayette Streets in beautiful downtown Cape May.

Karen Ziemba first received notice in the national touring company of *A Chorus Line*, eventually joining the Broadway cast. She was playing the role of Diana Morales the night it broke the record becoming Broadway’s longest-running show. She’s played Peggy Sawyer in *42nd Street* opposite the late, great Jerry Orbach, as well as Roxy Hart in *Chicago* and Rita Racine in *Steel Pier*, for which she received her first Tony nomination. Her Tony win came in the Susan Stroman/John Weidman conceptual dance masterpiece *Contact*. Since then, she’s been seen in *Never Gonna Dance* as Mabel Pritt, and, most recently, as the lyricist-turned-reluctant-leading lady in *Curtains* with David Hyde Pierce. She can currently be seen opposite Gregg Edelman in the world premiere of *Shooting Star* at the Penguin Rep Theatre in Stony Point, New York, and will be playing Kate Jerome in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Broadway Bound* at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego this fall.

Ms. Ziemba’s solo show, called *Broadway and Beyond*, features Karen singing songs by Noel Coward, Gershwin, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, and Kander and Ebb among others. For those who don’t know the Tony Award-winning actress, this evening will introduce you to her warmth, her wonderful voice and her intimate interpretation of these well-loved songs. “I am excited and delighted to appear at the Cape May Stage because I live just down the road,” says Ziemba. Karen and her husband Bill Tatum, a Philadelphia native, have been spending their summers in Wildwood for over 25 years. “My husband’s grandfather won the house in Wildwood in a poker game during the Depression. It’s been in the family ever since.”

Part of Cape May Stage’s inaugural Second Stage Broadway Series, *Broadway and Beyond* will run Monday, August 16th at 8:00pm at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at the corner of Bank & Lafayette Streets in downtown Cape May. Tickets are \$50, and include an after party at the Wine Bar at the Washington Inn, Cape May’s new hip, relaxing, contemporary meeting place at the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets. There, you’ll have a chance to mingle with Ms. Ziemba, while enjoying delicious complimentary finger foods and a well-stocked cash bar. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre’s website, www.capemaystage.com.

Cape May Stage’s Second Stage Series is presented through the gracious support of Chris and Dave Clemans.

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