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***Mamma Mia!* The Duluth Playhouse welcomes audiences back to the NorShor Theatre with an ABBA-rific concert**

[April 22, 2021] *Duluth, Minn.* --- Here we go again! The Duluth Playhouse is thrilled to welcome audiences back inside the NorShor Theatre for *Dancing Queens: The Music of ABBA's Mamma Mia*, its first performance after being closed over a year due to the pandemic.

Headlining and reprising their roles are Jen Burleigh-Bentz, Vicki Fingalson, and Tanya Moore in this hour-long tribute concert that will treat audiences to favorite ABBA songs, memories from the NorShor's inaugural production, and even a surprise guest.

"What better way to welcome our patrons back than with a Mamma Mia! reunion?" asks Phillip Fazio, director of the show and Producing Artistic Director of the Playhouse.

This sunny, funny, musical hit about three blasts from the past for the mother of the bride has been seen by more than 65 million people worldwide in 50 productions in 16 different languages, grossing more than \$4 billion at the Box Office. Non-stop laughs and the infectious magic of ABBA's hit songs that includes "Super Trouper," "Dancing Queen," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Take a Chance on Me," and more combine to make *Mamma Mia!* the ultimate feel-good show and the ninth longest running show in Broadway history.

Each performance has been limited to a seating capacity of 25% and all seat groupings are socially distanced apart from each other by 6-feet. Patrons are required to wear facial masks upon entry into the NorShor Theatre and throughout the performance. To help keep contact between patrons, ushers and staff to a minimum, tickets will be sent by email and digital playbills will be available for viewing by

scanning a QR code on one's phone. All seats, doors, and high-traffic touch areas will also be thoroughly sanitized after each performance. For more information on the Playhouse's Health & Safety guidelines for patrons and artists, please visit www.duluthplayhouse.org/covid19.

Dancing Queens opens on April 29, 2021 at 7:30pm CST and will run for one weekend only through May 2, 2021 at 2:00pm CST. Tickets are \$30-\$35, depending on seat location, and can be purchased online via the Playhouse's website.

**Members of the press are also invited to stop into the show's final dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 28 for pre-arranged interviews with the director, cast, and crew and to capture footages and photos. To plan, please contact Ashlee Hartwig, Marketing Director, at ahartwig@duluthplayhouse.org.

Attached: Production photo of (L to R) Vicki Fingalson (Tanya), Jen Burleigh-Bentz (Donna), and Tanya Moore (Rosie) from the Playhouse's 2018 premiere performance of Mamma Mia! at the NorShor Theatre. These three ladies are reprising their roles for Dancing Queens from April 29-May 2, 2021.

JUST THE FACTS:

- **What:** *Dancing Queens: The Music of ABBA's Mamma Mia!*
- **When:** April 29-May 2, 2021
- **Where:** NorShor Theatre, located at 211 E Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
- **Tickets:** \$30-\$35 + additional processing fees
- **Website:** www.duluthplayhouse.org/main-stage
- **Box Office:** 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday | 218.733.7555
- Directed by Phillip Fazio, and featuring Jen Burleigh-Bentz, Vicki Fingalson & Tanya Moore

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About the Duluth Playhouse

Rich with history dating back to 1914, the Duluth Playhouse is one of the country's oldest theatre organizations. Comprised of three stages: the NorShor Theatre, the Playhouse Family Theatre, and The Underground, the Duluth Playhouse produces year-round theatrical and musical performances as well as provide education opportunities of the highest quality for both youth and adults.