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**TONY AWARD-WINNER BETH LEAVEL TO STAR IN
THE MUNY PRODUCTION OF
*GYPSY***

ST. LOUIS (December 27, 2017) – Tony Award-winning actress Beth Leavel will star as Rose in The Muny’s 2018 production of *Gypsy*, July 27 - August 2. The Muny’s production of *Gypsy* is directed by Rob Ruggiero and choreographed by Ralph Perkins with music direction by James Moore.

“At the opening night party of *Bandstand* on Broadway, I asked Beth to give *me* a gift and to play Mama Rose at The Muny for our epic 100th season,” said Muny Artistic Director and Executive Producer Mike Isaacson. “If memory serves, the reply was ‘Yes, please.’ Beth is a miraculous musical theatre artist, and beloved by The Muny audience for her many great performances on this stage. Can’t wait.”

BETH LEAVEL (*Rose*) received Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and L.A. Drama Critics awards for her performance as the title character in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Other Broadway: Florence Greenberg in *Baby It’s You!* (Tony, Drama Desk, OCC nominations); *Bandstand*, *Elf*, *Mamma Mia!*; *Young Frankenstein*, *42nd Street* (original & revival), *Crazy for You*, *The Civil*

War, Show Boat. She recently starred in the world premiere of *Prom* at Alliance Theatre, slated for Broadway in the fall of 2018. Numerous credits off-Broadway, regional theatre, commercials and television including the Paper Mill Playhouse production of *The Bandstand*. MFA from University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Beth's Muny credits include: inaugural *Muny Magic* featured artist (2015), Aunt Eller in *Oklahoma!* (2015); Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi in *Hello, Dolly!* (2014); Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense: Muny Style!* (2013); Mrs. Meers in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2012), Miss Hannigan in *Annie* (2009), Vera Charles in *Mame* (2005), Dorothy Brock in *42nd Street* (2004), Betty Rizzo in *Grease* (1988) and served as an understudy for some of the greatest leading ladies in 1983: Judy Kaye in *Can-Can*; Lucille Ball in *I Do! I Do!*; Lynn Redgrave in *The King and I* and Susan Powell in *Promises, Promises*.

Image link to headshots and show logo:

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The seven shows in the 2018 Muny season are: **Jerome Robbins' Broadway** (June 11-17), **The Wiz** (June 19-25), **Singin' in the Rain** (June 27-July 3), **Jersey Boys** (July 9-16), **Annie** (July 18-25), **Gypsy** (July 27-August 2) and **Meet Me in St. Louis** (August 4-12). For more information visit muny.org.

Season tickets go on sale March 5, 2018. Single tickets go on sale May 7, 2018.

Muny gift cards for the 100th season are now available online and at The Muny Box Office. For more information, visit muny.org or call (314) 361-1900.

World Wide Technology (WWT) and The Steward Family Foundation have once again made a leadership gift to continue as the Muny's 2018 Season Presenting Sponsor. They became the first overall season sponsor in the history of The Muny in 2014 and continue that role through 2018.

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[The Muny's](http://muny.org) mission is to enrich lives by producing exceptional musical theatre, accessible to all, while continuing its remarkable tradition in Forest Park. As the nation's largest outdoor musical theatre, we produce seven world-class musicals each year and welcome over 350,000 theatregoers over our nine-week season. Now celebrating 100 seasons in St. Louis, The Muny remains one of the premier institutions in musical theatre.

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