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**TUSK, A New Broadway Musical  
New Musical Theatre Piece, TUSK to Be Developed At The Egg**

In a special presentation at The Egg, the Empire State Plaza's Center for the Performing Arts, producer/director , Steven Yuhasz and writer & lyricist Norman Rea bring their first collaboration of an original musical for Broadway home to the Capital Region. This work-in-progress, part of The Egg's "New Work New York" initiative will utilize the talent and resources of the region for this developmental stage, including movement by The Egg's resident choreographer Ellen Sinopoli. Mr. Yuhasz, who has ties with several arts organizations in the region and continues to serve on the boards of the League of Arts and Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, recently produced the critically acclaimed Off-Broadway hit, STREAKIN'! and the current hit of the New York Fringe Festival, ESCAPE FROM PTERODACTYL ISLAND. He will return for his third season to Assistant Direct for Susan Stroman the Madison Square Garden production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Mr. Rea, a publicist and marketing professional, who ran an international marketing firm in NYC, returns to his hometown roots and has been devoting his talents to Capital Region philanthropy. Mr. Rea, an accomplished lyricist, recently was honored by MACC (Manhattan Association of Clubs and Cabarets) at a presentation for song writing, the most prestigious organization of its kind in the United States. Rea also has composed for many top New York cabaret performers and wrote his own New York revue BRING BACK THE SPIRIT.

Together with co-writer Steven Billing, musical supervisor and composer Bryon Sommers and composers David Salih and Craig Strang have created a new musical that is provocative and daring. "It will challenge your senses, and force you question your beliefs of humanity," said Mr. Yuhasz. "TUSK, is a story about betrayal, imprisonment, slavery, murder, birth, compassion, greed and survival. TUSK is a story about a family of elephants who make the ultimate sacrifice. A story that will move you. It is a musical for the whole family."

The cast features regional favorites of the musical theatre including: Sandra Bargman, Ward Dales, Robert Dalton, Peter Lacijan, Carrie Weiss, Gretel Wilson, Dane Wilson and Benita Zahn. Maria Riccio Bryce is Musical Director and David Cash is Assistant Musical Director. The presentations are free and open to the public. Reservations, which are recommended although not necessary, may be made by calling The Egg Box Office: 518-473-1064. There will be a 30 minute talk back with the audience following the presentations.

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