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JOIN IN THE BIG PARADE!

*Landmark Opportunity for Local Bands to be Part of Geva's
Biggest Ever Production!*

March 14, 2011, Rochester, N.Y. Broadway star John Bolton was first bitten by the performing bug through his school music programs at Leroy Central School. Today, Bolton is a regular on Broadway performing in such musicals as *Curtains*, *Spamalot*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* and *Titanic*. Geva Theatre Center's exciting 2010-2011 Season culminates with Meredith Willson's classic musical, *The Music Man* starring John Bolton as Harold Hill. This production will be the biggest production ever seen in the Geva Mainstage with a cast of over 40. In addition to a core ensemble of professional actors, the cast will feature adult actors from the Rochester area and local young actors cast from open auditions held at Geva in January.

In order to highlight and celebrate music in our schools and music in our community, Artistic Director and the director of *The Music Man*, Mark Cuddy, has chosen to feature a different local band at the close of each performance of *The Music Man*. This exciting venture has been dubbed "The Music Man Band Project."

At the climactic finish of the play, bands featured in "The Music Man Band Project" will make a grand entrance into the Mainstage with a rousing rendition of "76 Trombones."

To date, 24 bands have committed to "the Music Man Band Project" including AD Oliver Middle School, Albion High School, Allendale Columbia High School, Brockport High School, Churchville-Chili Senior High School, East High School, Eastman Wind Ensemble, East Ridge High School, East Rochester High School, Gates-Chili High School, Greece Odyssey Academy, Hochstein School of Music and Dance, Leroy Central School, Palmyra-Macedon High School, Victor High School, Warsaw Central School, Webster Shroeder High School, Webster Thomas High School.

We are still looking for bands to feature in "The Music Man Band Project." If you are interested, please call 232-1366, email musicmanbands@gevatheatre.org, or log onto www.gevatheatre.org/events/tmm-band-project.php for further information.

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