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**Cape May Stage and Cape May Film Festival Collaborate to bring the story of “Souvenir” to a mix of audiences**

Cape May Stage

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**Performances:**

*June 9, 8PM:* “A World of Her Own” Film screening with filmmaker Donald Collup

*June 12, 8PM:* Half-price Senior Night for “Souvenir”

*Cape May, NJ – May 27, 2009-* Cape May Stage, Cape May's renowned Equity theatre, has scheduled two special events next week concurrent with the Stage's production of the hit musical “Souvenir”. Filmmaker Donald Collup along with the Cape May Film Festival will present the documentary “A World of Her Own” featuring the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins on June 9 at 8PM, and on June 12 Cape May Stage will host a discounted production of "Souvenir" for all senior citizens.

“Souvenir” which opened last week to rave reviews, stars Barrymore award winner Deborah Jean Templin as the “first lady of the sliding scale”, Florence Foster Jenkins, alongside Broadway veteran Larry Daggett as the faithful accompanist Cosme McMoon. Madame Jenkins, a real-life eccentric heiress, fancied herself a coloratura soprano -- but the exact opposite was true, and in 1944 the singer sold out Carnegie Hall!

Cape May Stage's Artistic Director Roy Steinberg has teamed up with the Cape May Film Festival to present the theatre's next Second Stage Series event: Donald Collup's film “A World of Her Own.” Until now very little was known about Florence Foster Jenkins - her life, her wealth, her loves, and her tragic end. On June 9 at 8PM audiences alongside the filmmaker can view this documentary, which most purposefully does not make fun of this NYC socialite, but tells the complete and uncensored story of this cult figure that entertained Manhattan audiences for over three decades. Viewers will reminisce with those that saw the “night of nights” which was her Carnegie Hall recital and enjoy the images and interviews with friends who knew her well.

In addition to the screening, the Equity theatre continues to make its performances accessible to all, regardless of ability to pay, by removing the economic barriers often

associated with purchasing tickets to professional theatre. On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8PM, all seniors, 62 and over, are invited to attend a performance of Stephen Temperley's delightful comic musical valentine "Souvenir" at the discounted rate of \$12.50 per ticket (that's 50% off regular box office prices). 'Senior Nights' sell out very quickly, so reservations are a must!

**Ticket Information**

"*A World of Her Own*" by Donald Collup screens June 9 at 8PM at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 for Film Festival members and Cape May Stage season subscribers, \$12 non-members. Half-price senior night for "*Souvenir*" is Friday, June 12 at 8PM. Tickets are \$12.50. "Souvenir" performances are Wednesday - Sunday at 8PM through June 20. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 seniors, \$12.50 students. Call (609) 884-1341 for tickets and information or visit the theatre's website, [www.capemaystage.com](http://www.capemaystage.com). Audio enhancement, wheelchair accessible seating, and large print programs are available with advance notice by calling the box office at (609) 884-1341.

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**pictured: Deborah Jean Templin and Larry Dagget**