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**CONSTANTINE MAROULIS, LAURA BENANTI AND STEVEN PASQUALE
HONORED, JUDY KUHN PERFORMS AT INSIDE BROADWAY
BROADWAY BEACON AWARDS**

Thursday, June 25, 5:30 PM at The Players Club

Also: Loew's VP Alan Momeyer Honored

Fox TV News' Julie Chang will Emcee

Rock Of Ages Tony-nominated star **Constantine Maroulis**, Tony Award-winner (for *Gypsy*) **Laura Benanti** and her husband **Steven Pasquale** (*Reasons To Be Pretty*) and Tony-nominated **Judy Kuhn** (*Les Miz, Chess, Rags, She Loves Me*) are among the Broadway honorees and performers at the Thursday June 25 Inside Broadway *Broadway Beacon Awards* at 5:30 PM at The Players Club, 16 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY.

Fox 5 TV News Entertainment Reporter **Julie Chang** will emcee the ceremonies.

Inside Broadway, the acclaimed theatre for young audiences, which has introduced musical theatre to more than 750,000 children in its 26-year history (most recently its spring tour of the rock musical *Smokey Joe's Café: the songs of Leiber and Stoller*, to almost 40 schools in New York City, Long Island and, for the first time, Westchester) presents annual awards to performers who have participated in their events or support arts education and theatre for young audiences.

Another honoree at the event, for his long service to the organization, will be **Alan Momeyer**, a Vice President of Loew's Corporation and a member of the Inside Broadway Board of Directors.

The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with a cocktail reception. At 6:30 PM the awards presentation will begin, including entertainment by Judy Kuhn from the show *Music From the Broadway Songbook and More*, and a musical theatre number by students from JHS 278 from Marine Park in Brooklyn.

Individual tickets are \$350 (\$200 tax-deductible), with Patron Packages available. Contact Inside Broadway, 630 – 9th Avenue, Suite 802, New York, NY 10036. Telephone: (212) 245-0710, www.insidebroadway.org.

Inside Broadway presents unique, edited 50-minute professional productions of musical theatre classics, directed especially for children. Its 2008 school tour was the delightful *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and the previous year featured the 50th anniversary production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. Other productions of *Inside Broadway* have included *Bye Bye Birdie*, *On the Town*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, Irving Berlin's *Land That I Love* and *Free to Be You and Me*. All shows provide student study guides, teacher lesson plans. Other *Inside Broadway* programs include "Build A Musical," where teaching artists work with children to create their own musical theatre; and "Creating the Magic," a demonstration by the production team of a current Broadway show at a Broadway theatre, which in May 2008 was *Hairspray*, of how it is created. *Inside Broadway* has received much critical praise: its production of *Richard Rodgers' Broadway* caused the New York Times to say "Rodgers continues to enchant and entertain, and he couldn't ask for better cheerleaders, in all senses of the word."

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