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MAKE “OUR TOWN” YOUR TOWN AND BECOME HONORARY MAYOR OF GROVER’S CORNERS AT A PERFORMANCE OF DAVID CROMER’S ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT “OUR TOWN”

(BOSTON) – When the Huntington Theatre Company brings **David Cromer’s** landmark production of Thornton Wilder’s classic ***Our Town*** home to New England this winter, local residents will have the opportunity to become Honorary Mayor of Grover’s Corners for a day. Huntington Trustee **Judi Krupp** and her husband **Douglas** have issued the **Make *Our Town* Your Town Challenge** and will match all new and increased gifts to the Huntington’s Annual Fund dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.

Donors who sponsor an *Our Town* performance with a new or increased gift of \$5,000 or more will be sworn in as Honorary Mayor of the fictional Grover’s Corners and will receive VIP “Mayor” seating, up to ten complimentary tickets, and additional tickets at a special rate at the chosen performance; an exclusive post-performance toast with cast members; special recognition in the ***Our Town*** playbill and in the lobby; and a copy of the script.

To qualify for the Challenge match and to be an *Our Town* performance sponsor, gifts must be received by October 25, 2012. **Contact Meg White, Director of Major Gifts** at mwhite@huntingtontheatre.bu.edu or 617 273 1596. Learn more at huntingtontheatre.org/makeoutownyourtown.

Acclaimed by the press as “landmark,” “astounding,” and “exceptional,” MacArthur “Genius” David Cromer’s *Our Town* is a once-in-a-lifetime event. In 1901 Grover’s Corners, George and Emily fall in love, marry, and live out their lives. One New England town becomes a microcosm of everyday life in Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize winner. The groundbreaking production was an Off Broadway smash, playing for more than 600 performances. (Burnt Umber, Judi Krupp’s company with her partner Bill Gerber, was a producer of the Off Broadway production.)

Cromer’s wonderfully intimate staging marks the Huntington’s first production in the Roberts Studio Theatre in the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA since the Huntington built and opened the facility as its second home in 2004. (The Huntington produces regularly in the Wimberly Theatre and occasionally in Deane Hall.) The limited run of *Our Town* begins December 7, 2012 and coincides with the 75th anniversary of the play.

Tickets to *Our Town* are currently available exclusively to Huntington subscribers and FlexPass holders. More information at huntingtontheatre.org/subscribe.

“Thornton Wilder’s play mines the depths of our relationship to home and community,” says Huntington Artistic Director Peter DuBois, “and so I find it fitting and deeply satisfying that David will be engaging a company of actors comprised of Boston’s best talent for this homegrown production.”

ACCLAIM FOR *OUR TOWN*

New York Times Critic’s Pick. “A wonderfully intimate and highly rewarding production. Mr. Cromer springs a beautiful feat of stagecraft that transmits the essence of Wilder’s philosophy with an overwhelming sensory immediacy.” – *The New York Times*

“RIVETING, RELEVANT, ENDURING, AND EXCEPTIONAL! It stirs the imagination and senses and sends you out deeply touched!” – *NY Daily News*

“DAVID CROMER’S RETHINKING OF THORNTON WILDER’S MASTERPIECE IS A LANDMARK! I don’t use the word ‘genius’ casually, but Mr. Cromer may fill the bill. I don’t know a more gifted stage director! Arrestingly original!” – Terry Teachout, *The Wall Street Journal*

BEST of 2008. “David Cromer’s brilliantly revisionist and astounding new production of *Our Town* is his masterwork to date. In the jaw-dropping third act I found myself speaking the words ‘Oh, my God’ to no one. Cancel whatever you’re doing tonight and go and see this show.” – *The Chicago Tribune*

More at huntingtontheatre.org/ourtown.

ABOUT THE HUNTINGTON

Since its founding in 1982, the Huntington Theatre Company has developed into Boston’s leading theatre company. Bringing together superb local and national talent, the Huntington produces a mix of groundbreaking new works and classics made current. Led by Artistic Director Peter DuBois and Managing Director Michael Maso, the Huntington creates award-winning productions, runs nationally renowned programs in education and new play development, and serves the local theatre community through its operation of the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA. The Huntington is in residence at Boston University. For more information, visit huntingtontheatre.org.

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