

THE SANDRA FEINSTEIN **GAM** THEATRE

172 Exchange St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 | 401.723.4266 | fax 401.723.0440 | www.gammtheatre.org

Tony Estrella, Artistic Director | Oliver Dow, Managing Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gail Hulbert, Communications & Marketing Director
(401) 723-4266 or gail@gammtheatre.org

GAMM LAUNCHES NEW YEAR WITH CURT COLUMBUS' EXHILARATING TRANSLATION OF CHEKHOV'S CLASSIC *UNCLE VANYA*

PAWTUCKET, RI (December 11, 2017) – The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is delighted start the new year with **Curt Columbus' critically acclaimed translation of Anton Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya***. Columbus, artistic director for Providence's Trinity Repertory Company, also directs this classic world drama.

Uncle Vanya runs from **January 18-February 18** at The Gamm Theatre, 172 Exchange St., Pawtucket, RI. Tickets are **\$44, \$52 and \$60**; preview performances (January 18-21) are **\$33**. Call **401-723-4266** or order online at gammtheatre.org.

Columbus' translation promises to give audiences a fresh, exhilarating, up-close encounter with a masterpiece that theater lovers must see, said **Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella**.

"One of the early, defining productions of our 15 seasons in Pawtucket was Curt's stunning adaptation of **Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*** in 2005. It has been more than 20 years since Anton Chekhov's brilliance has graced the Gamm stage. So our second collaboration with Curt is long overdue," Estrella said.

Uncle Vanya is a tragicomic masterpiece, unparalleled classic of modern drama and, in Curt's stunning translation, truly a play for today. Society is turned on its head, the environment is deteriorating rapidly and yet we must carry on. Chekhov's work resonates as strongly as ever in Curt's clear-eyed, nuanced and marrow-deep translation. We couldn't be luckier that he is directing the production, as well. Welcome back, Curt."

ABOUT *UNCLE VANYA*

On an over-crowded country estate, a retired art professor, his second wife, and the daughter and brother-in-law from his first marriage navigate mid-life crises, unrequited love, a last-minute murder plot...and each other. Delusion and despair compete with humor and hope in Chekhov's beloved story about what is and what might have been. The Gamm is delighted to bring Trinity Rep Artistic Director Curt Columbus' splendid interpretation of this timeless tragicomedy to our audiences.

"Columbus's excellent, deft translation retains the dark comedy and flavor of Chekhov, while making it easily accessible to modern audiences....This Uncle Vanya is enormously entertaining." *Windy City Times*

This production is sponsored in part by a generous donation from **Ronald and Heather Florence**.
Season supporter: **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Uncle Vanya

by **Anton Chekhov**, translated and directed by **Curt Columbus**

CAST

Voinitsky (Uncle Vanya).....**Tony Estrella***

Astrov.....**Steve Kidd***

Yelena.....**Marianna Bassham***

Sonya.....**Rachel Dulude***

Marina.....**Casey Seymour Kim***
Serebryakov.....**Richard Donelly***
Telegin (Waffles).....**David Rabinow**
Marya Vassilevna.....**Paula Faber**
Yefim.....**Gunnar Manchester**

CREW

Set Design by **Michael McGarty**
Costume Design by **David T. Howard**
Lighting Design by **Steve McLellan**
Production Management by **Jessica Hill**
Stage Management by **Robin Grady***

*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Thursday, January 18 preview at 7	Saturday, February 3 at 8
Friday, January 19 preview at 8	Sunday, February 4 at 2
Saturday, January 20 preview at 8	Tuesday, February 6 at 7
Sunday, January 21 press preview at 2	Wednesday, February 7 at 7
Sunday, January 21 press preview at 7	Thursday, February 8 at 7
Tuesday, January 23 at 7	Friday, February 9 at 8
Wednesday, January 24 at 7	Saturday, February 10 at 8
Thursday, January 25 at 7	Sunday, February 11 at 2
Friday, January 26 at 8	Sunday, February 11 at 7
Saturday, January 27 at 8	Wednesday, February 14 at 7
Sunday, January 28 at 2*	Thursday, February 15 at 7
Sunday, January 28 at 7	Friday, February 16 at 8
Wednesday, January 31 at 7	Saturday, February 17 at 8
Thursday, February 1 at 7	Sunday, February 18 at 2
Friday, February 2 at 8	Sunday, February 18 at 7

*Followed by humanities discussion with special guests. Open to the public and free of charge.

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984 as Alias Stage, the non-profit Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre creates the finest of live theater, engaging the audience intensely in current and recurrent issues of consequence. The Gamm further serves the public with educational outreach programming designed to support the theatrical experience, and help sustain and enhance the intellectual and cultural life of its community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella and Managing Director Oliver Dow, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors' Equity Association.