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TONY® AWARD-WINNING PRODUCTION OF
LARRY KRAMER'S
"THE NORMAL HEART"
TO SPREAD ITS MESSAGE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, DC'S ARENA STAGE
TO HOST FIRST REGIONAL PRODUCTION
FOLLOWED BY A NATIONAL TOUR

New York, NY (November 16, 2011) – Producer **Daryl Roth** announced today that following its Tony-winning Broadway run earlier this year, **Larry Kramer's** ground-breaking play ***The Normal Heart*** will take its message across the country. A group of prestigious regional theaters across the country will launch the tour.

Washington, D.C.'s Arena Stage will host the first regional production from June 6 to July 29, 2012. Casting information will be announced shortly.

"*The Normal Heart* is a play that deserves to be seen by audiences everywhere, and I am fiercely committed to making sure that happens, especially in Washington, DC during "AIDS 2012", the biennial international AIDS conference that returns to the United States for the first time in 22 years" said Ms. Roth.

Directed by **George C. Wolfe**, ***The Normal Heart*** design team includes **David Rockwell** (Sets), **Martin Pakledinaz** (Costumes), **David Weiner** (Lighting), **David Van Tieghem** (Sound and Original Music), and **Batwin & Robin** (Projections).

The story of a city in denial, ***The Normal Heart*** unfolds like a real-life political thriller -- as a tight-knit group of friends refuses to let doctors, politicians and the press bury the truth of an unspoken epidemic behind a wall of silence. First produced by Joseph Papp at New York's Public Theater, the play was a critical sensation and a seminal moment in theater history. So ahead of its time was this play that many of the core issues it addresses – including gay marriage, the healthcare system and, of course, AIDS – are just as relevant today as they were when it first premiered.

The Normal Heart won three 2011 Tony® Awards, including Best Revival of a Play. The play was honored as Best Revival of a Play by the Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and Drama League Awards and has received Drama Desk Awards for Best Ensemble and Best Direction of a Play, along with a Special Citation from the New York Drama Critics Circle.

The Broadway premiere of Larry Kramer's ***The Normal Heart*** on Broadway, which began performances on April 19, 2011 and played its final performance on was produced by Daryl Roth, **Paul Boskind** and Martian Entertainment in association with **Gregory Rae** and **Jayne Baron Sherman/Alexander Fraser**. The 25th anniversary Broadway staged reading of ***The Normal Heart*** was held on October 18, 2010, produced by Daryl Roth and directed by **Joel Grey**.

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