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Cal Rep Boards the Queen Mary

**Two icons of the Long Beach cultural scene
partner to create a unique arts experience.**

LONG BEACH, CA, June 8, 2009 - California Repertory Company will take up residence in the Royal Theatre aboard the retired luxury liner this fall. Joanne Gordon, Cal Rep's artistic director, says, "The elegant refined glory of the Queen Mary combined with the vibrant exciting aesthetic of Cal Rep is sure to produce a thrilling synergy and an invigorating theatrical experience for our audiences."

The move to the historic Queen Mary comes after two years in residence at the Long Beach Armory, where Cal Rep moved after vacating the Edison Theatre downtown. Cal Rep first made its home at the Edison in 1998, but was forced to move as a result of revised seismic retrofitting regulations. "We are still focused on finding a permanent home in Long Beach, but while we are working toward that goal, the Queen Mary provides a wonderful opportunity to interact with the community in a vital new way," says Gordon.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with such a cutting edge artistic group as Cal Rep and look forward to welcoming them on board," said Queen Mary General Manager, Jay Primavera.

Councilmember Suja Lowenthal agrees. "This is truly an exciting partnership between Cal Rep and the Queen Mary that benefits the entire city", remarked Lowenthal. She added, "Bringing quality performing arts and entertainment to this historic tourist destination is a great idea and underscores our goal of strengthening the ties between CSULB and our downtown."

California Repertory Company is a professionally-modeled theatre which nurtures artists, challenges audiences, and develops exciting, relevant, and thought-provoking work to provide graduate training to the masters of tomorrow. Cal Rep's twentieth anniversary

season opens on Friday September 25th at the Royal Theatre aboard the Queen Mary. Performances will be Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$17 for seniors and students (with valid ID). For tickets and information please call (562) 985-5526 or visit www.calrep.org.

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About the Queen Mary

The Queen Mary is home to a 314-room Art Deco Hotel, where guests relive the excitement of cruising in the style of the 1930's without ever leaving port. During her illustrious career, she has played many roles - from an elegant ocean liner to a World War II troopship. Now permanently docked, yet still afloat, her operation and preservation are entrusted to Hostmark Hospitality Group, a leading independent management company. Located at 1126 Queens Highway in beautiful Long Beach, California, The Queen Mary is a must-see attraction. The historic ship offers a variety of historical, paranormal and educational tours, unique shops, meeting & banquet facilities, three award-winning ocean view restaurants and much more. For more information please visit www.queenmary.com or call (800) 437-2934.

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