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***Hello, Dolly!* Opens Kalamazoo Civic Theatre's 90th Season**

A story about the joy of living, *Hello, Dolly!* will burst onto the Civic stage with humor, song, and high energy, show-stopping dancing. *Hello, Dolly!* comes to the Civic hot on the heels of the Tony Award Winning 2017 Broadway revival.

The Civic has not produced *Hello, Dolly!* in a Mainstage season since 1973.

The quintessential American musical, *Hello, Dolly!* follows the comic exploits of Dolly Levi, a turn-of-the-century matchmaker who sets her sights on miserly 'half-a-millionaire' Horace Vandergelder. Local actress and broadcast veteran Lori Moore will lead the large company as Dolly, with Hal Hobson-Morse as Vandergelder. The two also played opposite each other in the Civic's season opener, *Mame*, in 2000.

The Civic's new Interim Artistic Director Tony Humrichouser is directing the large cast with Music Direction by Marie McColley-Kerstetter. Chicago based choreographer Joseph Nicasro, who performed in the National Tour of *Hello, Dolly!* with Sally Struthers, will challenge the Civic cast with much of the original choreography.

The Civic's Marketing Director Janet Gover stated, "We are celebrating 90 seasons of the Civic, and *Hello, Dolly!* is the perfect match for theatre lovers young and old. We are thrilled to kick off this momentous season with this production."

Hello, Dolly! will play in the Civic Auditorium September 21, 22, 28, 29 and October 5 & 6 at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinees are September 23, 30 and October 7 at 2:00 pm. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$25 and are available through the Civic Box Office, 269-343-1313 or online at KazooCivic.com.