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Civic's Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical – A Southwest Michigan Premiere

From her humble childhood in northern Kentucky to topping the charts for nearly fifty years, *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical* tells the story of the legendary entertainer Rosemary Clooney's remarkable journey and will open in the Civic's Parish Theatre on January 11th. In *Tenderly*, Clooney's journey starts out with her childhood in Maysville, Kentucky and follows her rise to Hollywood stardom. Her successes in film, radio, and TV as well as the struggles in her personal life are all brought to life in a fresh, poignant picture of the legend.

Civic actress Mary Teutsch plays Rosemary and will entertain audiences with signature Clooney hits such as 'Sisters', 'Mambo Italiano', 'Straighten Up and Fly Right', and 'Come On A My House.' Hal Hobson-Morse plays all the male characters in Rosemary's life – including Frank Sinatra and Jose Ferrer.

A Southwest Michigan premiere, *Tenderly* was written by the team of Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman, who also wrote the original Civic Youth Theatre productions *Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Crown Jewel* and *Sleepy Hollow, a Musical Tale*. *Tenderly* has played across the United States since its debut in 2015, and had its UK premiere in London's West End in 2017.

Directed by Gregory Moore with Music Direction by Lori Hatfield, *Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical* plays in the Parish Theatre January 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 pm and on Sundays January 13, 20, and 27 at 2:00 pm.

Tenderly is recommended for audiences age 12 and up. Ticket prices range from \$15 - \$25 and can be ordered through the Civic Box Office at 269-343-1313 or online at KazooCivic.com.