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Will the Broadway musical COME FROM AWAY go back home with a Tony? Will Bette Midler as Dolly Levi find her perfect match is a 3.5-pound brass, bronze and nickel medallion? Or will THE GREAT COMET streak across Radio City Music Hall's June 11 sky, eclipsing all the other stars?

Find out the answers to all these questions – and more! – at Clear Space Theatre Company's inaugural Tony Awards party! Says Sharon Stone, Clear Space's Director of Development, "We've wanted to do a Tony party for some time. We are so excited that the Weillminster family stepped forward to open their home to us for this party!" Wesley Paulson, Executive Director of Clear Space, adds, "Several Clear Space supporters have suggested we host a Tony Awards party as a fundraiser for the theatre. Through the Weillminsters' generous offer, we will be able to make that idea a reality. I could not be more pleased!"

Speaking to the family's enthusiasm for the idea, Dawn Weillminster explains, "Clear Space Theatre holds such a special place in the heart of our family! Our daughter, Hannah, first discovered her passion for theatre and music at the Clear Space Theatre's summer camp. She, along with many other children and young adults, then grew her passion – and her skills – through the Performing Arts Institute classes, guided by the Institute's wonderfully knowledgeable and nurturing staff. When Clear Space's management approached us with the idea of a Tony party to celebrate the arts and raise money to support their arts education programs – well, we just jumped at the chance!"

"There could not be a more perfect venue for the party," says Stone. "The house is magnificent, offering gorgeous views of Rehoboth Bay – as well as multiple big-screen TVs for easy Tony Award Show viewing." She adds, "But not all the evening's great entertainment will be delivered electronically! Students from our Arts Institute will perform, and summer season cast members will be on-hand to meet and mingle, showcasing numbers from our upcoming season of A CHORUS LINE, LEGALLY BLONDE, and THE LITTLE MERMAID."

Says Weillminster, "We look forward to a wonderfully festive evening of live and broadcast entertainment – and all for a great cause! The funds raised through the party will allow other children to experience the same exposure to the arts and theatre as Hannah has been so fortunate to experience. We are just thrilled to support this effort!"

Tony Award Party tickets – just \$50 each, with funds going to support Clear Space Theatre's scholarship program – include an open bar and catered dinner. The party kicks off June 11 at 6:00 pm at 149 East Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach. Dress is "beach casual" – creative interpretations are encouraged! What better way to celebrate theatre – and the Tonys - short of taking home one of those medallions yourself?!

Visit the Clear Space website – www.clearspacetheatre.org – or call the Box Office at 302-227-2270 – **by June 1!** - to reserve your ticket!