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**Little Theatre of Fall River presents Rodgers' and Hammerstein's
award-winning musical, *Oklahoma!***

The Little Theatre of Fall River opens its 2013-2014 main-stage season with *Oklahoma!*, the multi-award-winning musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. This is the 70th Anniversary of *Oklahoma's!* illustrious debut on Broadway, and the show is considered by many to be the duos' greatest collaboration. They were awarded a special Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1944 for their work on *Oklahoma!*

Oklahoma! not only opened new vistas for the American musical theatre, it created box-office history. It ran on Broadway for nearly six years, breaking all of the then-existing records both for length of run and box-office receipts. A national company toured the US for ten years, performing to sold-out audiences from coast to coast. Additional companies were formed to produce the play in Europe, South Africa, Scandinavia, Australia and for the armed forces in all areas during the last years of WW II. In London, *Oklahoma's!* run proved the longest in the three-hundred-year history of the Drury Lane Theatre.

According to director, Jen Bellanti, *Oklahoma!* "...is a timeless classic. As a child, Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals were my introduction to musical theatre, and the original movie with Shirley Jones and Gordon MacRae is still one of my all-time favorites. Stories of romance and adventure never go out of style. They may change and evolve, but classic musicals like *Oklahoma!* have the audience tapping their toes and singing along, and a couple of hours of "musical therapy" is good for the soul."

Starring in LTFR's production are Ryan Durkay as Curly, Allison Beauregard as Laurie, and John Silveira as Jud Fry, with featured roles by Paula Lauzon, Sarah DeMoranville, Timothy Reid, and Jeff Belanger.

In addition to director Jen Bellanti, the creative team includes Dan Snizek as musical director, Tricia Rodrigues and Brian Perreira as choreographers, and Kerie Collins and John Nunes as stage managers.

Oklahoma! opens on Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 pm at the Bristol Community College Margaret L. Jackson Performing Arts Center. Performances continue on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, at 8 pm; and Sunday, October 13, at 2 pm.

Single tickets are \$23, with discounts available for seniors, students, and groups of 20 or more. Student Rush tickets will be available 1/2 hour before the production on Opening Night for \$10. For tickets or information, call the Box Office at (508) 675-1852; OR email to: LTFR-TKTS@comcast.net; OR visit the web at www.littletheatre.net.