



Millennium Hotels and Resorts announces re-opening of Broadway's Historic Hudson Theatre

- The renowned Hudson Theatre, located directly next door to Millennium Broadway Hotel New York, returns with *Sunday in the Park with George*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal -

(7 February, 2017) - Millennium Hotels and Resorts, in partnership with Ambassador Theatre Group, is set to raise the curtain once again on the 112-year old Broadway Playhouse this February, 2017 following an extensive restoration.

Opening to the public on Saturday 11 February, 2017 with a revival of *Sunday in the Park with George* - co-starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Annaleigh Ashford - the historic landmark venue will return to its former glory to delight New York's theatre-goers. It will be the first production to play at the Hudson Theatre in nearly 50 years.

The multi-million-dollar project undertaken by Millennium Hotels and Resorts and Ambassador Theatre Group has seen the Hudson Theatre sensitively refurbished and restored, with upgraded facilities and equipment to better outfit the theatre. Significant front-of-house improvements will provide a heightened experience for visitors, along with upgraded seating and premium Ambassador Lounge service.

Kwek Leng Beng, Chairman, Millennium Hotels and Resorts commented: "The Hudson Theatre is one of the great historic landmarks in New York City and we have always been proud of this gem asset in the Millennium Hotels and Resorts Group. Meeting the founder of ATG, Sir Panter, in 2014 with his shared passion for theatre and art, a journey of restoring this grand dame began. After an 18-month extensive restoration, we are so excited about the rebirth of the Hudson Theatre. Continuing the commitment to this revival, Mark Connor, CEO of ATG, and his team, together with Millennium Hotels around the globe, are looking forward to welcoming audiences from the US and around the world to enjoy premier shows." Chairman Kwek is set to officiate the ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow, Wednesday 8 February, 2017.

Mark Connor, CEO, Ambassador Theatre Group commented: "Restoring the Hudson and readying it for its Broadway debut has been a passion project for all of us here at ATG, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate it as Broadway's newest theatre just days before a truly unforgettable production of *Sunday in the Park with George* plays its first performance."

In 2014, Millennium's Chairman Kwek met with ATG founder Sir Howard Panter and the two exchanged their love for theatre and art along with their shared vision of bringing one of the oldest Broadway theatres back to life. An official partnership between Millennium Hotels and ATG ensued to revive Hudson Theatre as a top class theatrical venue, with much of its original beauty and design restored in addition to introducing new technology to this unique Broadway house.

To celebrate the theatre's grand re-opening following its restoration, guests of Millennium Broadway Hotel New York will receive an exclusive opportunity to experience a Broadway musical during an inaugural 10-week engagement. Joint theatre and hotel packages will be available, as well as pre-theatre dinner and drinks offerings at Millennium Broadway's Restaurant Charlotte.

For further information and hotel reservations, visit www.millenniumhotels.com.

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About Ambassador Theatre Group

Co-founded by Sir Howard Panter and Rosemary Squire OBE in 1992, the Ambassador Theatre Group (ATG) is the world's number one live-theatre company with 46 venues in Britain, the United States and Australia and an internationally recognised award-winning theatre producer with productions in the West End and on Broadway and touring productions in the UK, North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. ATG is also the market leader in theatre ticketing services through ATG Tickets, LOVETheatre and GroupLine.

ATG presents an average of 40 productions a year, demonstrating the unique quality and range of ATG Productions in a diverse number of theatres and markets worldwide. ATG has been behind some of the most successful and innovative productions in Britain and internationally and has subsidiary offices in London, New York, San Antonio, Houston, Sydney, Mannheim and Cologne, Germany. ATG Tickets issues more than 11 million tickets annually and www.atgtickets.com is the UK's most visited theatre website with 120 million page views and 20 million unique visits per annum. ATG also boasts the UK's largest theatre membership program, ATG TheatreCard, with over 100,000 members.

About Hudson Theatre

Situated just off Times Square in New York on 44th Street, between Millennium Broadway Hotel and The Premier Hotel, The Hudson Theatre opened on October 19, 1903 with a production of Cousin Kate starring Ethel Barrymore. Built by Henry B. Harris, a famous Broadway producer of that period, The Hudson Theatre is one of New York City's oldest Broadway showplaces. The 100-foot long lobby was the largest ever seen on Broadway at that time. Among the stars that have graced the Hudson's stage are Douglas Fairbanks, William Holden, Helen Hayes, Edward G. Robinson and Dorothy Gish. Barbara Stanwyck and Judith Anderson both made their debuts on its stage. On September 27, 1956 the first nationwide broadcast of The Tonight Show starring Steve Allen originated from The Hudson Theatre. It was granted landmark status for both its internal and external features in 1987.

About Sunday in the Park with George

Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Pulitzer-winning masterpiece Sunday in the Park with George follows painter Georges Seurat (Jake Gyllenhaal) in the months leading up to the completion of his most famous painting, A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte. Consumed by his need to "finish the hat," Seurat alienates the French bourgeoisie, spurns his fellow artists, and neglects his lover Dot (Annaleigh Ashford), not realizing that his actions will reverberate over the next 100 years. Sunday in the Park with George will play a strictly limited 10-week engagement. Directed by Sarna Lapine,

performances are set to begin Saturday, February 11, 2017, ahead of a Thursday, February 23rd Opening Night, and will play through Sunday, April 23rd.