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**TV'S *ALICE* and TONY AWARD®-WINNER, LINDA LAVIN, IS
COMING TO THE SOUTHERN VERMONT ARTS CENTER**

MANCHESTER, VERMONT.

TONY AWARD® and two-time GOLDEN GLOBE AWARD® WINNER, LINDA LAVIN, will perform at the Southern Vermont Arts Center's (SVAC) Arkell Pavilion on Thursday, August 18th at 8PM as part of the *BROADWAY IN VERMONT* Concert Series presented by Berkshire Bank.

Linda Lavin, Love Notes is a CD release party with the great Billy Stritch at the piano and on vocals. A romantic and swinging collection of the Great American Song Book with some Brazilian and Steely Dan thrown in for dazzle!

Broadway, TV, and film star Linda Lavin has received numerous awards: a Tony®, a Drama Desk, an Outer Critics, a Helen Hayes, and in 2011, she was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame. She is also a 6-time TONY® Nominee. Linda is widely known for playing the title character in the TV sitcom *Alice* for 9 years, for which she is a two-time GOLDEN GLOBE AWARD® WINNER. Most recently, Linda starred in the CBS TV series *B Positive* for two seasons, and in *9JKL* opposite Mark Feurstein and Elliot Gould. She also co-starred on NBC with Sean Hayes in the TV series *Sean Saves the World*. She has starred in *Mom*, *The Good Wife*, *Madam Secretary* and in episodes of the Netflix series, *The Santa Clarita Diet*.

On Broadway, she has starred in *Our Mother's Brief Affair*, *The Lyons*, *Collected Stories*, *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Gypsy*, *The Sisters Rosensweig* and *Broadway Bound*, to name a few. Linda appeared with Robert De Niro in Nancy Meyer's *The Intern* and recent feature films include *A Short History of Decay*, *Manhattan Nocturne* with Adrien Brody, *How to Be a Latin Lover* opposite Rob Lowe and Eugenio Derbez and Warner Brothers feature, *Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase*, and Aaron Sorkin's latest film *Being the Ricardos*.

The Summer series, sponsored by BERKSHIRE BANK and hosted by TONY AWARD® Winner CHRISTIAN HOFF, runs from July to September 2022, and will be presented in collaboration with the Southern Vermont Arts Center, Christian Hoff, and Old Mill Road Media.

In addition to Linda Lavin on August 18th, the remaining celebrity line-up includes:

- Broadway's "Rocky," 3-time TONY AWARD® Nominee ANDY KARL and TONY AWARD® Nominee ORFEH in *LEGALLY BOUND* on Friday, September 2, 2022.



- TONY AWARD® Winner for *A Chorus Line*, DONNA McKECHNIE in *TAKE ME TO THE WORLD: THE SONGS OF STEPHEN SONDHEIM* on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

“We are thrilled to bring Broadway’s best, live-in-concert to Southern Vermont with the help of our own resident TONY AWARD® WINNER Christian Hoff and Old Mill Road Media, and we’re beyond grateful to our presenting sponsor, Berkshire Bank,” says Anne Corso, Executive Director, SVAC.

“Berkshire Bank is committed to giving back to the communities we do business in. We are proud to support Southern Vermont’s long-standing art and music traditions by sponsoring the *Broadway in Vermont* series at SVAC,” shared Lori Kiely, Regional President, Berkshire Bank.

TONY AWARD® WINNER Christian Hoff added, “As a newcomer to Vermont, I wanted to bring my Broadway pals and fellow talents to entertain us here in Southern Vermont. Special thanks to SVAC and our presenting sponsor, Berkshire Bank, and our hospitality sponsors, Church Street Hospitality, Equinox Golf Resort and Spa, and Kimpton Taconic Hotel for making this wonderful series possible.”

All concerts will be held in the Arkell Pavilion at the Southern Vermont Arts Center, SVAC Drive / West Road Manchester, VT 05254. To inquire about performances or to purchase tickets, contact Jeremy Chestler at (802) 367-1310 or jchestler@svac.org or purchase tickets online at: svac.org

ABOUT Andy Karl & Orfeh

Together, Orfeh and Andy Karl have had an impressive run as one of Broadway’s greatest couples, both on and off the stage. She has a “powerhouse voice” (*The New York Times*). He is “a theater world heartthrob” (*The New York Times*). Although they met while doing the Broadway production of *Saturday Night Fever*, their irrepressible chemistry became the stuff of legend when they co-starred in *Legally Blonde*, which garnered Orfeh a TONY® nomination. Karl earned his own TONY® nods for “Rocky,” *On the Twentieth Century*, and *Groundhog Day* (for which he received an OLIVIER AWARD®). After appearing in their 3rd Broadway show together, *Pretty Woman*, as Kit De Luca and Edward Lewis, this power couple is back again with their own show *Legally Bound*. The sexy, funny, and enormously talented duo tear through an eclectic mix of pop, R&B, and Broadway show tunes that are sure to excite and delight! Directed by Charles Randolph-Wright with music direction by the incomparable Steven Jamail. andykarl.com and orfeh.com



ABOUT Donna McKechnie

Donna McKechnie, who received a TONY AWARD® for her performance in the original company of *A Chorus Line*, is regarded internationally as one of Broadway's foremost singing and dancing leading ladies. Donna has starred in and choreographed productions in London's West End, along with theatrical productions in Tokyo and Paris. Some of Ms. McKechnie's Broadway credits include *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*; *The Education of Hyman Kaplan*; *Sondheim, A Musical Tribute* (which she also choreographed); *Promises, Promises*; *Company*; *On the Town*; *State Fair* (Fred Astaire Award); and *The Visit*. She has starred in and/or choreographed numerous regional plays and musicals, including *Follies*, *Mack and Mabel*, *Gypsy*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *Sweet Charity*, *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*, *Guys and Dolls*, and can be seen in concert and with Symphony Orchestras as well as TV Specials and dramatic series including *Fame*, *Cheers*, and *Dark Shadows*. She was featured in the film *Every Little Step* and played the Rose in the film *The Little Prince*. Donna will be performing her new, one woman show, *Take Me To The World - The Songs of Stephen Sondheim*, which celebrates the greatest Broadway composer and lyricist of our time: Stephen Sondheim. In the show, she performs songs from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Company*, *Follies*, *A Little Night Music*, *Anyone Can Whistle*, and *Sunday in the Park with George* and shares stories of her time working with Sondheim and the great influence he had in her life, both professionally and personally. Ms. McKechnie's memoir, *Time Steps: My Musical Comedy Life*, was published by Simon and Schuster. Donna was inducted into the American Theatre Hall of Fame in 2019. donnamckechnie.com

ABOUT Berkshire Bank

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ABOUT The Southern Vermont Arts Center

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ABOUT Christian Hoff

Christian Hoff is a multi-talented entertainer and producer, known for his TONY®-winning role in *Jersey Boys* and life-spanning career in the arts. He is the host of *Jazz 'n TÖST* on WEQX, 102.7, sponsored by Vermont's TÖST Beverages and produced by Old Mill Road Recording. *christianhoff.com*

ABOUT Old Mill Road Media

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