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**GARDEN THEATRE ANNOUNCES THE FLORIDA PREMIERE OF  
*THE BIKINIS: A NEW MUSICAL BEACH PARTY***

WINTER GARDEN, FL (February 3, 2012) – The Garden Theatre is pleased to announce the new play *The Bikinis: A New Musical Beach Party*. After opening to rave reviews at the Queens Theatre in New York, the Miracle or 2 Productions’ musical, *The Bikinis*, will make its Florida premiere at the Garden Theatre February 10-26, 2012.

Conceived by Broadway directors/producers Ray Roderick and James Hindman with music composed and arranged by Joseph Baker, *The Bikinis: A New Musical Beach Party* is a valentine to women who came of age at a time when America was also coming of age, with a pop/rock score that gives the audience a musical journey and ride through the times. Based on a true story of a beachfront Florida trailer park, “The Bikinis,” now all grown up, relive their youth and reunite their friendship, while celebrating the world that brought them together. Ray Roderick and Ryan McKinney will come to Winter Garden to direct and produce the show throughout its run.

*The Bikinis* stars Laura Compton as the folk rock and roller Annie, Elizabeth Dean as the passive-aggressive Jodi, Kendra Lynn Lucas as no-holds barred Barbara, and Carrie Prieto, who played Mother Abbess in the Garden Theatre’s *The Sound of Music*, as the fun-loving Karla. Jenn Roman, who most recently performed for TheatreWorks Florida’s production of *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Garden Theatre, serves as the understudy to all roles, as well as the swing and dance captain. The role of Betty, who makes appearances throughout the musical, is played by Becky Stafford, founding President and vision leader of the Garden Theatre.

Performances are Fridays through Sundays, February 10-26, 2012. For more information on *The Bikinis: A New Musical Beach Party*, visit [gardentheatre.org](http://gardentheatre.org).

**ABOUT THE BIKINIS**

With a show that promises to get everyone dancing in the aisles, *The Bikinis*, or “The Jersey Girls,” relive their heyday and beyond, beginning the summer of 1964, the night four inseparable friends got their name, winning the Belmar Beach Talent Contest, wearing just their bikinis! This new play by Broadway producers Ray Roderick and James Hindman opened to rave reviews at the Queens Theatre in New York. Under the direction of Ray Roderick and James Hindman, the Garden Theatre is producing *The Bikinis* in its Florida premiere!

**ABOUT THE GARDEN THEATRE**

Located in the heart of historic downtown Winter Garden on Plant Street, the Garden Theatre is a not-for-profit community organization committed to enriching, engaging, and entertaining through creative experiences. The theatre, which reopened 2008, showcases an atmospheric theatre in a Mediterranean Revival style venue. The Garden Theatre hosts live plays, concerts, movies, and more to the residents of and visitors to the city of Winter Garden. For tickets or additional information, contact the Garden Theatre Box Office at **407-877-GRDN (4736)** or [gardentheatre.org](http://gardentheatre.org).