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**The Gem Theatre Announces Auditions
For *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women***

DETROIT, MI - The Gem & Century Theatres has announced that it will hold general auditions for the Detroit production of *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women*, **Wednesday, November 8 beginning at 12 Noon.** The production is scheduled to open in February for an open-ended run at the historic Gem Theatre. Auditions are open to union and non-union actresses.

Respect: A Musical Journey of Women is a high-energy, historical and hysterical look at women's changes from 1900 to today as illustrated by popular song, portrayed by a narrator and three breath-takingly talented singers. It is a lively and engaging look at music's depiction of women, as they go from codependence to independence, from *Someone to Watch Over Me* to *I Will Survive* and beyond. Interwoven between the music are monologues—real women's stories, which give more meaning to the songs. The show includes 63 song excerpts and grew out of playwright Dorothy Marcic's research and subsequent book (published in 2002) on women's Top-40 songs, which showed how women are portrayed differently in each era. Her one-woman show, which traveled all around the US and the world, developed into the current musical theater production.

Interested actresses should:

- Prepare a 1-minute comic monologue.
- Bring a book with sheet music and be prepared to sing 16 bars from a pop ballad and up-tempo song.
- Bring a headshot and resume.
- Dress comfortably as some dancing may be required.
- Register for an audition appointment by calling the Gem & Century Theatre box office at (313) 963-9800.

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