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**DAN GOGGIN & ROBERT LORICK'S  
"JOHNNY MANHATTAN"  
MAKES ITS WORLD PREMIERE FOUR DECADES LATER  
AT THE MEADOW BROOK THEATRE IN ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN**

**LIMITED 3-WEEK ENGAGEMENT SEPTEMBER 6 – 24, 2017**

**New York, NY** (*August 22, 2017*) – More than forty years after its creation, **Dan Goggin** and **Robert Lorick's** musical, *Johnny Manhattan* will have its world premiere at the **Meadow Brook Theatre** (*378 Meadow Brook Road*) in Rochester, Michigan. Featuring a book and lyrics by **Lorick**, music by **Goggin**, and directed and choreographed by **Mark Martino**, *Johnny Manhattan* will play a strictly limited three-week engagement from September 6 – 24, 2017. Tickets are now on sale.

In 1975, writer / lyricist **Robert Lorick** (*The Tap Dance Kid*) teamed up with composer **Dan Goggin** (*Nonsense*) to create a new musical about NYC nightlife in the late 50's. The result of their collaboration was *Johnny Manhattan*. The musical went on to have a 15-performance free showcase in NYC starring **Beth Fowler**, **Jana Robbins**, **Barry Pearl** and others. While the musical was well-received, the young duo wasn't sure how to move it beyond the workshop. Shortly thereafter, they both became involved in other projects and drifted apart.

"Jana Robbins, who was in the original workshop, came to me with the idea of reviving *Johnny* and giving it a proper production," said **Danny Goggin**. "I was always proud of the work Bob and I did on the show and was excited by the possibility. My old friend, Lyle Saunders manages Bob's estate, and when I mentioned the idea to him, he said he had long thought of reviving the musical. Now, a short several months later, I feel like I've been transported in time as *Johnny Manhattan* comes to life before my eyes in my home state of Michigan. We hope that this production brings new life to Johnny so he can finally find his way home to NYC."

*Johnny Manhattan* is an exciting new musical set in a New York City nightclub when places like the Copacabana, The Latin Quarter and El Morroco were filled with socialites and glamorous showgirls. It's 1958 and Johnny, the owner of Johnny Manhattan's has invited his closest friends to a private party for a surprise announcement. Unexpected surprises abound as relationships clash and secrets are revealed.

The **Meadow Brook** cast of *Johnny Manhattan* includes, **Jim Ballard** in the title role, **Anne Brummel** as "Rosie," **Nathan Cockroft** as "Mickey," **George Dvorsky** as "David," **Tyrick Wiltez Jones** as "Gary," **Barbara McCulloh** as "Dorothy," **Ruth Pferdehirt** as "Maxie," **Jana Robbins** as "Rita," **Lauren Sprague** as "Lorraine," **Scott Willis** as "Edward," **Janet Caine** as "Francine," **AlissaBeth Morton** as "Gloria," **Ian Turnwald** as "George," and **Dale White** as "Paul."

The design team includes scenic design by **Brian Kessler**, lighting design by **Matthew J. Fick**, costume designs by **Liz Goodall**, sound design by **Mike Duncan**, musical direction and orchestrations by **Michael Rice**, and percussion arrangements by **David Nyberg**.

***Johnny Manhattan*** is produced by the **Meadow Brook Theatre** in association with **Lyle Saunders**.

Tickets for ***Johnny Manhattan*** are \$43 - 34 and are available now via TicketMaster.com. For more information and a performance calendar, please visit:

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