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**LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS &  
MC COY RIGBY ENTERTAINMENT**

*announce that acclaimed Emmy Award-winning actress*

**MICHAEL LEARNED**

*will star as Miss Daisy in*

*the Third Production of their 2007/2008 Season!*

## ***DRIVING MISS DAISY***

**Written by Alfred Uhry**

**Directed by Brian Kite**

***Limited Engagement begins February 1, 2008  
at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts!***

**(Press Opening Saturday, February 2)**

December 7, 2007...La Mirada, Calif...LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS & MC COY RIGBY ENTERTAINMENT are proud to announce that acclaimed Broadway actress and Film & Emmy Award-winning TV star Michael Learned ("The Waltons") will be starring in the third production of their 2007-2008 season, **DRIVING MISS DAISY**, written by Alfred Uhry and directed by Brian Kite (*Proof*). **DRIVING MISS DAISY** will begin performances on Friday, February 1 (with a press opening on Saturday, February 2) and will run through Sunday, February 17 at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue.

**MICHAEL LEARNED (Daisy Werthan)** is a four-time Emmy award-winning actress, three for her work as Olivia Walton on the acclaimed TV series, "The Waltons," and one for her role as Mary Benjamin in her own series "Nurse." She is also a three-time Golden Globe nominee. On stage she most recently co-starred with Tom Bosley in the national tour of *On Golden Pond*; and also in Lewis Black's *One Slight Hitch* at The Falcon Theatre. Other theatre appearances include *Elizabeth the Queen* at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Edward Albee's *All Over* at The Gramercy Theatre and the McCarter Theatre, on Broadway in Gore Vidal's *The Best Man* and Wendy Wasserstein's *The Sisters Rosenzweig*. West Coast premieres include *Woman in Mind* and *Hapgood* both for American Conservatory Theatre.

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Ms. Learned's involvement as a leading lady with ACT dates back to 1967. In Los Angeles she has appeared at the Ahmanson in *Mary Stuart* and *Picnic*, at The Mark Taper in *A Month in the Country* and at the Geffen in *Looking for Normal*. She has toured in A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* and Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women*. Michael premiered in Arthur Miller's *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* at Williamstown Theatre Festival. The eldest of six sisters, Ms. Learned spent her first decade on her family's farm in Connecticut. When she was eleven, Ms. Learned moved to Austria where her father worked for the U.S. State Department. While attending boarding school in England, she discovered the theatre and made it her life's work. She trained at San Francisco's American Conservatory Theatre where she frequently appeared with her first husband, actor Peter Donat. Ms. Learned has appeared in the films "For the Love of Mary," "Life During Wartime," "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" and "Power," directed by Sidney Lumet. Television appearances include "Law and Order: SVU," "Living Dolls," "Profiler," "A Father for Brittany," "A Walton Easter," "A Walton Wedding," "Murder in New Hampshire," "Roots: The Gift" and "All My Sons," to name a few.

**DRIVING MISS DAISY** will begin performances on Friday, February 1 (with a press opening on Saturday, February 2) and run for three weeks through Sunday, February 17. Performances will be Tuesday through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and \$37.50 and can be purchased at La Mirada Theatre's Web site, [lamiradatheatre.com](http://lamiradatheatre.com). Student, Senior, Children and group discounts are available. For more information, call the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

*LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, now in its 30th year, has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "one of the best Broadway-style houses in Southern California." This beautiful state-of-the-art theatre has been producing quality productions for its Southern California audiences since 1977. The theatre has produced several National Tours and is the recipient of many accolades including Ovation and Emmy Awards and Tony Award nominations. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free. For further information 562-944-9801 or visit [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com)*

*McCOY RIGBY ENTERTAINMENT combines the talents of musical theatre star Cathy Rigby with Tom McCoy's extensive production and theatrical experience and has become one of the nation's premier theatrical production companies. Credits include Tony-nominated Broadway shows, long-running national tours, multiple-award-winning Los Angeles stage productions, and hit TV specials.*

*The number of major theatrical awards garnered by McCoy Rigby Entertainment includes 3 Ovation Awards, 25 Drama-Logue Awards, 3 Backstage Garland Awards and 3 Tony Award nominations, 20 Ovation nominations and 8 NAACP award nominations for the touring production of "Jesus Christ Superstar." In addition, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences awarded McCoy Rigby Entertainment an Emmy for Best Scene Design as part of four nominations for the A&E network production of "Peter Pan."*  
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