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Tanninger Entertainment to Co-Produce Kristin Chenoweth & Stephen Swartz's Broadway Bound Musical *The Queen of Versailles*

Tulsa, Oklahoma – March 27, 2024 – Tulsa-based Tony Awardwinning Tanninger Entertainment announced its latest venture with the production of *The Queen of Versailles,* a new musical collaboration between Tony Award-winner Stephen Swartz and the incomparable Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress Kristin Chenoweth, who is also serving as producer. The musical is based on Lauren Greenfield's documentary film and the real-life stories of Jackie and David Siegel.

Set against the opulent backdrop of 18th-century France, *The Queen of Versailles* promises to transport audiences on a captivating journey of love, ambition, and intrigue. With Swartz's enchanting score and Chenoweth's unparalleled talent, the production promises to be a theatrical masterpiece that will captivate audiences around the globe.

"We are thrilled to embark on this exciting project with Stephen and Kristin," said Ryan Jude Tanner, co-founder of Tanninger Entertainment. "Their combined brilliance and creativity are sure to bring *The Queen of Versailles* to life in a way that will leave audiences spellbound. Literally!" Chenoweth is reuniting with the renowned Tony and Oscar-winning songwriter Stephen Schwartz for the first time since their Broadway megahit *Wicked*, now in its 21st year on Broadway.

Chenoweth, whose dazzling performances have earned her a place among Broadway's elite, shared her excitement about taking on the role of Jackie Siegel, saying "If someone had told me I'd be bringing a piece of Oklahoma with me to Broadway in such a big, beautiful way I would've said, they were dreaming bigger than I dared! I've been keeping an eye on Tanninger's incredible work for years, and when we all shook hands on this project, I knew magic was about to happen. *The Queen of Versailles* isn't just a story; it's a journey towards the American dream, a testament to family, and home, which, for me is Oklahoma through and through. Can you imagine how my heart is bursting at the seams to work with my Oklahoman family, who shares my dream, my vision? Oh, I'm more than thrilled; I'm walking on cloud nine!"

Chenoweth will perform in Tulsa at her upcoming fundraiser on April 2, with a limited availability of just 100 tickets. The Kristin Chenoweth's Broadway Bootcamp, a non-profit charity nestled in her hometown of Broken Arrow, stands as a robust foundation dedicated to nurturing and honoring youthful artistic expression, enhancing children's lives through the trifecta of education, entertainment, and firsthand experience. For further details on securing tickets, please reach out to 918-259-5778.

The Queen of Versailles marks another significant milestone for Tanninger Entertainment, whose Broadway credits include *Pippin* (2013); *Waitress* (2015); *Come From Away* (2017); and *OKLAHOMA!* (2019). With a commitment to delivering high-quality, innovative productions, the Tony Award-winning company remains at the forefront of theatrical excellence. Tanninger won its first Tony for the 2013 musical revival of Stephen Swartz's *Pippin*. Tanninger currently serves as co-producer of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*, a new musical which began Broadway previews on March 16. *The Queen of Versailles* begins a pre-Broadway world premiere at Boston's Emerson Colonial Theatre July 16 and will run through August 18. Tickets are currently on sale.

For more information on *The Queen of Versailles* please visit: <u>https://queenofversaillesmusical.com</u> or Tanninger Entertainment: <u>https://www.tanningerentertainment.com</u>.