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“The Best of Broadway III” Opens September 19th

VICKSBURG, MS (September 14, 2009): The Vicksburg Theatre Guild is pleased to announce the opening play of its 74th season, *The Best of Broadway III*.

Performances of *The Best of Broadway III* will take place Saturday and Sunday September 19 and 20, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday September 25, 26, and 27. There is no show Friday September 18. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2:00 p.m.

The Best of Broadway III is a celebration of Broadway shows, presented in a unique and informal environment. Narrated by Vicksburg Theatre Guild lifetime-achievement-award recipient Buddy Hallberg, *The Best of Broadway III* will be a fast-paced excursion through “Annie Get Your Gun,” “Damn Yankees,” “Guys and Dolls,” “Man of La Mancha,” “Music Man,” “Camelot,” “Annie,” “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown,” and “Applause.” Joining Hallberg onstage will be VTG veterans Paul Ballard, Andrea Fairchild, Jason Fairchild, Linda Hadala, and Glenda Arredondo, as well as newcomers Sarah Chaudhary and Chance Ragsdale.

The Best of Broadway III is directed by Jim Shirley, who also wrote the narration. Shirley also directed two previous *The Best of Broadway* revues, and most recently produced *The Fantasticks* on the VTG stage. Shirley has a distinguished résumé that includes the choreography for the musical revue after the 2006 Parkside-Playhouse fire and directorial responsibilities for “Man of La Mancha,” “South Pacific,” “Music Man,” and “Once Upon A Mattress.” He is a theatre major from California State University, Fullerton in southern California where he began his entertainment career with Walt Disney Productions in both California and Florida. Shirley is a Vicksburg native whose family roots go back to 1815 — truly he can be called a “native son.”

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens (55 and older), \$7 for students, and \$5 for children (12 and younger). Vicksburg Theatre Guild does not take reservations because seats are always available. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office 30 minutes before show time.

For more information, call 601.636.0471 or visit the VTG web site www.e-vtg.com.

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