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-- Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Brings Grand Hotel to the Dairy Center Stage --

Boulder, Colo. – May 30, 2010 – Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Studios, The Voice and Theatrical division of Parlando School for the Arts, will be producing its second full scale musical in June, *The Grand Hotel*. The show will be the first fully staged musical production performed at the Dairy Center's Performance Space and will run from June 18-27.

The production represents a collaboration among many of Boulder's established arts organizations. In addition to a presenting sponsorship from the Dairy Center for the Arts, both the Boulder Ballet and Frequent Flyers Productions have lent their support in scene creation and choreography. "It is wonderful to have this level of artistic expertise in our own backyard," says Parlando Executive Director Travis LaBerge, "and we expect this show to reach new heights in production value and visual spectacle."

The show brings together some of the region's best youth talent, with cast members from many area high schools, including Fairview, Boulder High, Niwot High, Peak to Peak Charter School, Skyline High School and Denver School for the Arts. The cast also includes several students currently studying at University of Colorado. "This cast represents the best of Boulder County and beyond," says Angela Gaylor, Co-Director of the Grand Hotel production and Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Studios. High school students from Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Studios are routinely selected to attend many of the nation's best musical theater college programs, including the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Carnegie-Mellon University, University of Michigan, Northwestern, Ithaca Conservatory, and NYU. According to Co-Director David Ayers, students of Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Studios are often on the "watch-list" for large production companies, including Disney. One student of the program recently returned from the National Tour Production of *Mary Poppins* in her role as "Jane Banks."

In order to prepare these students for collegiate and professional musical theater careers, Co-Directors Ayers and Gaylor, themselves Broadway veterans, have instituted a master class series as part of the preparation process. This season the cast and crew enjoyed a three-day workshop with Tony Award-winning director Kevin Stites. Later in the semester, they welcomed Broadway star David Burnham (*Wicked*, *The Light in the Piazza* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*) for a master class and sold-out public performance where individual cast members shared the stage with Burnham. "Exposure to the real-world process of auditions, competition and production is central to our program," says Gaylor, "We are always honored when our colleagues from Broadway visit us and share their wisdom."

Originally founded by Broadway stars Angela Gaylor (*La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, *Oklahoma!*) and David Ayers (*Wicked*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Mamma Mia!*), Parlando's Broadway in Boulder Studios is headquartered alongside three other instructional studios at Parlando School for the Arts in their home at the Dairy Center for the Arts. With 50 faculty and over 700 students throughout its four instructional studios, encompassing piano/keyboard music, early childhood music education, instrumental music as well as voice and theatrical training, Parlando's mission is to be Colorado's premier arts school where people of all ages and abilities come together to share the language of music and the arts. For show tickets or more information about the school's offerings visit [www.parlando.org](http://www.parlando.org).

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