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-- Oscar Nominee Maury Yeston Pays Visit to Boulder's Own Broadway Hopefuls, June 11-12 --

Boulder, Colo. – June 1, 2010 – In anticipation of their opening night, the young adult cast and crew of *Grand Hotel* will welcome the celebrated composer and lyricist of the show, which won critical acclaim during its run on Broadway. In addition to being nominated for Tony awards for his work on *Grand Hotel*, Mr. Yeston has received Tony Awards for two of his other musical theater creations, *Nine* and *Titanic*. In 2010 Yeston was also nominated for both an Oscar and Golden Globe award for Best Song from the musical movie, *Nine*. During his visit to Boulder June 11-12, Yeston will be joined by esteemed musical director Kevin Stites, who has received critical acclaim for his work as musical director and conductor of such Broadway mainstays as *Les Miserables*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Oklahoma!*. The two industry leaders will bring a combined 40 years of Broadway experience to their master classes and sitzprobes with the cast of this highly anticipated production of *Grand Hotel*. (Playing June 18-27 at the Dairy Center; tickets \$15-\$20 at www.parlando.org.)

During his visit, Mr. Yeston will be available for press interviews. Photography and filming of his work with the cast will be permitted. On both June 11 and 12, Mr. Yeston will work through his score with the cast and a full orchestra at 6:00pm at the Dairy Center for the Arts. Prior to each sitzprobe he will be on site at the Dairy Center at 5:00pm for interaction with the press. Please contact victoria@parlando.org if you are interested in attending either of these evenings or if you would like to make special arrangements.

“The cast of *Grand Hotel* represents the cream of the crop in terms of youth talent,” says Co-Director Angela Gaylor, “and we are committed to providing them with the best musical theater training that the industry has to offer.” Having been selected after an open audition process, the cast is comprised of students from several area high schools, including Fairview, Boulder High, Niwot High, Peak to Peak Charter School, Skyline High School and Denver School for the Arts, along with several students from University of Colorado. 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.”

This level of exposure and expertise is one of the central principles of Parlando’s Broadway in Boulder Studios, the Voice and Theatrical division of Parlando School for the Arts. The division’s original founders, David Ayers (*Wicked*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Mamma Mia!*) and Angela Gaylor (*La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, *Oklahoma!*), are able to call on their seasoned colleagues due to their own Broadway pedigree. 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 Parlando School for the Arts visit www.parlando.org.

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