



Press Release

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“Marilyn: Forever Blonde” **at the Ivoryton Playhouse** ***The Marilyn Monroe story in her own words and music***

Ivoryton, CT: On May 27th, 2009, Sunny Thompson brings her tour-de-force one woman show *Marilyn: Forever Blonde* to the Ivoryton Playhouse for a four week run.

Shortly before her untimely death in 1962, Marilyn posed for what would be her final photo session. The show is a recreation of what might have been Marilyn’s last chance to tell her own story in her own words.

Conceived by award winning producer and writer Greg Thompson, the script has been painstakingly researched from hundreds of quotes from Marilyn herself and the result is two hours in Marilyn’s presence. Moving at a swift, engaging pace, the show delicately balances a rags-to-riches tale with a musical autobiography by revealing the troubled, insecure woman hiding behind the sex symbol. Songs from many of Monroe’s films are incorporated into the play, beautifully sung by Thompson without backing orchestra or musical accompaniment, revealing a haunting sense of the sadness that underlies much of her rise to stardom.

The show has garnered rave reviews from San Francisco to New Zealand – check this link for details <http://www.marilynforeverblonde.com/>

Marilyn: Forever Blonde is directed by Stephanie Shine and stars Sunny Thompson as Marilyn.

Marilyn: Forever Blonde opens on May 27th and runs thru June 21 for 4 weeks.

A gala opening night black tie reception will be held on Friday, May 29th. Tickets are limited for this event. Performance times are Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Evening performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students and \$15 for children and are available by calling the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318 or by visiting our website at www.ivorytonplayhouse.org. (Group rates are available by calling the box office for information.) The Playhouse is located at 103 Main Street in Ivoryton.

*Members of the press are welcome at any performance.
Please call ahead for tickets.*