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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents**  
**Anything Goes Gala Saturday, Jan 27, 2024**

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Repertory Theatre will hold its annual Anything Goes Gala at **The Jefferson Hotel on Sat. Jan 27, 2024 at 6 pm.** The evening’s theme is *A Night in New Orleans*, featuring cocktails in the rotunda, a seated dinner, musical selections performed by Felicia Curry, and both a Silent and Live Auction.

This year, the theatre is raising funds for **Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education**, the former Scottish Rite Temple that Virginia Rep purchased in 2022.

“There is a lot of excitement at our new home for Family Theatre, Education, and Tour Departments,” said Todd D. Norris, Artistic Director of Education. “We are renovating the 650-seat theatre, the kitchen and dining hall for special events, and the multi-purpose spaces used for rehearsals, recording, classes, camps and more.”

The evening’s entertainer, Felicia Curry, is an award winning, DC-based actor, singer, and Emmy-nominated host of WETA Arts on WETA/PBS. She made her Broadway debut in the Tony-nominated revival of *Into the Woods*, then spent much of 2023 in the subsequent National Tour which began performances at the John F. Kennedy Center.

Most recently seen on stage as Flotus in *POTUS* at Arena Stage in D.C., she is a Richmond RTCC Award winner for Celie in *The Color Purple*, and a RTCC nominee for both Lorrell in *Dreamgirls* and Delores Van Cartier in *Sister Act*, all presented by Virginia Repertory Theatre. Curry received a Helen Hayes Award for LELA & CO. at Factory 449 where she is a company

member. She is also a Resident Company Member at Everyman Theatre and an Artistic Associate at Ford's Theatre.

She has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and, last year she hosted and sang the opening number for Broadway in the Park at Wolf Trap with Lea Salonga and Megan Hilty. Curry has been named one of "12 DC Stage Dynamos" by *The Washington Post*, and one of "DC's Biggest Theatre Stars" by *Washingtonian Magazine*.

Curry will be accompanied by Anthony Smith, former Music Supervisor at Virginia Repertory Theatre, serving now as Supervisor of Music and Sound at Red Mountain Theatre in Birmingham, Alabama. In addition to his frequent collaborations with the Chamber Music Society of Virginia, The Virginia Chorale, and the Virginia Arts Festival, Anthony has also performed with the Alabama, Richmond, and Virginia Symphonies.

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Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep is staging four primary seasons in 2023-2024: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at the Hanover Tavern, the Children's Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education, 4204 Hermitage Road in Richmond's Bellevue neighborhood, as well as four partner productions in the Theatre Gym downtown. Virginia Rep also tours children's shows, both virtual and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.