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PRESS RELEASE



(Fairfield, Connecticut) Fairfield Theatre Company will hold the ENCORE Gala on November 12th starting at 6:00pm. The special evening will celebrate 12 years of bringing the community together through live music, art, film and culture. This year Fairfield Theatre Company will recognize Bankwell as the Corporate Citizen of the Year for its annual leadership support to FTC.

ENCORE guests will enjoy cocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner by *OnTheMarc*, an enticing silent and live auction, and the highlight of the evening this year will be a performance by Wild Adriatic.

Proceeds from the evening enable FTC to enrich the community through art, music, film, theatre, and culture that brings the very best in arts and entertainment to Fairfield County. ENCORE is FTC's largest fundraiser of the year and from the generous donations made to a special appeal during the live auction and "The Giving Guitar" will help raise funds this year for Phase 3 renovation....

"The gala is an outstanding success with nearly 200 fans and supporters who come to help us celebrate and support Fairfield Theatre Company," says Gala Chair and FTC Board Member Lou Heumann. "The evening benefits our work in bringing the best live music, art, film, culture to Fairfield and advancing educational and community programming."

"We are very grateful to our ENCORE guests, sponsors and silent and live auction contributors for their outpouring of support to help FTC raise much needed funds," said FTC's Producing Artistic Director John Reid. "These funds help us cover the balance of our operating expenses that ticket sales do not. It is truly amazing to see everyone come together to help make ENCORE happen and show their support for the future of FTC.

Bankwell CEO Chris Gruseke added, "Bankwell is honored to be selected as Corporate Citizen of the Year. Our business relationship has evolved into a full working partnership of two like-minded organizations whose priority is to bring value to the residents and businesses of Fairfield County. We're proud to be season sponsors of Fairfield Theatre Company; they do a great job of enriching the community through the power of the arts.

Join Fairfield Theatre Company on November 12th as they host one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, a night filled of live music, art, film, theatre, and culture that shouldn't be missed.