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MASQUE SOUND CELEBRATES ARTISTRY OF THEATRE AUDIO COMMUNITY WITH SPONSORSHIP OF *THE COLLABORATOR PARTY*

Tony Night Festivities Include Main Event in New York City and Satellite Events across the Country to Honor Industry Sound Designers

NEW YORK, JUNE 3, 2015 — **Masque Sound**, a leading theatrical sound reinforcement, installation and design company, is proud to sponsor *The Collaborator Party*, a special event created to celebrate the artistry of sound designers and their creative achievements on Broadway this past year. Hosted by theatrical sound designers Lindsay Jones and John Gromada, the party is an opportunity for theatre enthusiasts across the country to come together to acknowledge the theatre sound community and its collaborators.

The Collaborator Party main event will take place on the night of the 2015 Tony Awards, Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at Houston Hall, located at 222 West Houston Street in Manhattan. In addition, to accommodate all those interested in celebrating the artistry of the theatre audio community, Jones and Gromada have announced that the New York City main event will be accompanied by a number of complimentary, spin-off satellite parties in major cities including Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, Denver and Syracuse, each hosted by a local resident.

"Masque Sound has been a pillar of support for the theatre sound community for decades, and we are thrilled that they believe so strongly in our cause," says Jones. "We've also received a groundswell of interest from artists all over the country who wish to host their own versions of *The Collaborator Party*! We are proud of the new grassroots movement that has grown out of our New York event and are especially grateful to all those who pledged their support of the theatre sound community. It is a real testament to the spirit of collaboration."

Through the generous donations of several sponsors, including Masque Sound, tickets to attend the New York City event are being sold at a reduced price so that interested guests can enjoy four hours of food and drinks for \$50. Ticket entry is required for the New York event, and as sales are limited, interested attendees are encouraged to immediately secure their tickets and not wait until the night of the event to purchase at the door as once all the remaining tickets are sold, there will no longer be any available. In addition to the fun and festivities, before the night comes to a close, *The Collaborator Party* will raffle off over \$20,000 worth of prizes donated from more than 40 leading audio manufacturers across the globe.

"Masque Sound is honored to support this celebration of sound design artistry," says Stephanie Hansen, president, Masque Sound. "It is a wonderful way to recognize the outstanding work that sound designers provide the theatrical community and to award, and continue to encourage, their creative talents."

As *The Collaborator Party* partnered with Virtualarts.tv, all of the fun festivities of the night will live stream to a worldwide audience thanks to the support of official live stream sponsor USITT. Additional sponsors include Figure 53, Point Source Audio, LDI and *Lighting & Sound America* magazine.

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For more information on *The Collaborator Party* and its spin-off satellite celebrations, including how to purchase tickets to the Manhattan main event, please visit <u>www.collaboratorparty.com</u>.

About Masque Sound

Founded in 1936 by a trio of Broadway stagehands, Masque Sound evolved into one of NYC's most successful theatrical sound reinforcement, installation and design companies specializing in theatrical, house of worship, sporting, corporate, TV broadcast and live concert events. Celebrating more than 75 years in the industry, the company is led by President Stephanie Hansen and the firm's third generation owner, Geoff Shearing. The company also operates Florida-based Professional Wireless Systems, a leader in the development and implementation of wireless technology. Credits range from major Broadway shows and tours including "Phantom of the Opera," "Mamma Mia!," "Lion King," "Jersey Boys," "Memphis," "The Book of Mormon," "Newsies," "Once" and "Kinky Boots" to yearly Super Bowl broadcasts and installations of varying sizes, including New York's New Victory Theater and historic St. Bartholomew's Church. Masque Sound's 70,000 sq. ft. corporate headquarters and main assembly facility is located at 21 East Union Ave., East Rutherford, NJ, 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan. For more information, call (201) 939-8666 or visit www.MasqueSound.com.

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