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GALVESTON'S GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE TO PRESENT HAIRSPRAY, MARCH 13

It's here! The Tony Award-winning production of *Hairspray* makes its encore at The Grand 1894 Opera House with two incredible performances on Saturday, March 13, at 3 and 8 pm.

Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad - a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart - wins a spot on the local TV dance program is transformed from outsider to irrepresible teen celebrity.

Sponsored in part by Galveston.com & Co. and the *Houston Chronicle*, this musical is BIG fun!

"Irresistable! Fresh, winning and deliriously tuneful!" says *The New York Times*.

It's 1962 - the '50s are out and change is in the air! The tale focuses on Tracy, a chubby Baltimore teen in 1962 who dreams of becoming one of the dancers on a local American Bandstand-style TV show. She gets her chance thanks to some hot new dance licks she picks up from hanging around with the black kids at her school. But since it's 1962, the show is segregated, and the black kids can only appear on the show on the weekly "Negro Night." Tracy leads a protest to integrate the show, and in her quest becomes a star and lands the boy of her dreams.

Hairspray is that rare modern musical which follows the old Broadway axioms: Give the people

a tuneful score, a sweet story and a stage full of goofy but lovable characters. This movie-gone-Broadway production doles out insanely huge helpings of energetic songs, colorful sets and good vibes that will leave you smiling long after you leave the theater, and might even help renew your hope in good old-fashioned American musical.

"So many numbers bring down the house, it's a wonder the theatre is still standing!" raves *New York Magazine*. Don't miss this cult classic at The Grand!

Ticket prices range from \$18.50 to \$88. Discounts for groups and seniors may be available for select performances. Call for box seat prices. For information about this and other performances scheduled, contact The Grand's box office at 409.765.1894, 800.821.1894, or visit The Grand's website at www.thegrand.com. The Grand 1894 Opera House is located at 2020 Postoffice, in historic downtown Galveston. All major credit cards accepted. The Grand is recognized as "The Official Opera House of the State of Texas."