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SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE ANNOUNCES Tupperware Retirement Paves Way For New SDMT Stage - SDMT's New Performance Venue

San Diego Musical Theatre (SDMT) announce after 48 years of service, the retirement of Erin and Gary Lewis (SDMT founders and producers) as distribution and business leaders from Party Plastics, their Tupperware company. The retirement paves the way to convert the existing Tupperware facility, home to SDMT audition and rehearsal studios as well as SDMT Academy classes, camps and workshops, into a new performance venue - SDMT Stage.

Erin became a Tupperware Consultant in May 1973, a Tupperware manager eight weeks later and then Erin and Gary became Tupperware distributors by January 1976. Over the years their company, Party Plastics, grew to become one of the top Tupperware companies, continually ranking #1 in sales in the US and at one point #1 in the world. After 48 years, Erin and Gary decided to retire to enjoy the benefits of what their Tupperware career has afforded them and the ability to spend more quality time with their family as well as focus on building SDMT bigger and better.

“It was a tremendously bittersweet decision as we will truly miss all of the relationships that we have built through our Tupperware career and are so thankful for Party Plastics,” said Erin. “Our retirement happens to coincide with SDMT leaving the Horton Grand Theatre, paving the way to convert our TupperStudio into a new performance venue, SDMT Stage. We are extremely excited about the future of SDMT.”

SDMT's last show at the Horton Grand Theater, was ABBAFAB concert on August 14th, part of their Summer Concert Fundraiser Series. The pre-professional production of RENT scheduled October 1-17 will be the first production to debut at the new SDMT Stage.

“We look forward to this new chapter in our lives and for SDMT,” said Gary. “It is exciting to see how much we have grown despite everything being thrown at us from the pandemic to an immediate need for a new performance venue making us really appreciate how resilient our staff, cast and crew are while optimistically looking forward to our inevitable bright future.”

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Gary and Erin Tupperware Photos:

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