

**LEGENDARY FYVUSH FINKEL PREMIERES NEW MUSICAL REVUE CHRONICLING
HIS INCREDIBLE CAREER**

“FYVUSH FINKEL LIVE!” BEGINS OCTOBER 17, OPENS OCTOBER 21

Dear Joe:

The Emmy and OBIE Award-winning Fyvush Finkel stars in a musical celebration of his life on stage -- “Fyvush Finkel Live!” -- which the Drama Desk Award-winning National Yiddish Theatre – Folksbiene presents in a limited engagement, beginning Sunday October 17. The world premiere of the musical revue, which also stars Finkel’s sons (and frequent collaborators) Ian Finkel & Elliot Finkel, as well as Merwin Goldsmith & June Gable, plays five preview performances on route to an opening on Thursday October 21 at 7pm. The three-week engagement at The Baruch Performing Arts Center, 55 Lexington Avenue (at 25th Street), plays through Sunday November 7.

Members of the press are welcome to attend the following 5 performances:

Sunday October 17 at 6pm
Wednesday October 20 at 2pm & 8pm
Thursday October 21 at 2pm & 7pm (opening night)

In “Fyvush Finkel Live!” Fyvush Finkel offers a first-hand account of an incredible career spanning English and Yiddish roles, from Second Avenue to modern-day television stardom. A musical celebration of a life on stage, “Fyvush Finkel Live!” is chock-a-block with songs, stories, jokes and ample evidence of Finkel’s undiminished mastery, at 88, of showbusiness razzle dazzle.

One of the last living links to the Yiddish theatre’s rich heyday on Second Avenue, the Brookly-born Finkel began his career in the Yiddish theatre as a teenager. After a long stint touring in “Fiddler on the Roof,” directed by Jerome Robbins, he starred in the Off-Broadway hit “Little Shop of Horrors” for five years, earned an OBIE in “Café Crown” (which moved to Broadway), and teamed up with his sons Ian and Elliot, and grandson Abbot in two musical revues -- “Finkel’s Follies” and “From Second Avenue to Broadway.” A beloved television star, Finkel earned an Emmy Award in 1994 for *Picket Fences* and he starred from in the acclaimed series *Boston Public*, which ran from 2000 to 2004. His most recent appearance Off-Broadway was in “New Jerasalem” by David Ives three seasons ago.

“Fyvush Finkel Live!” runs from October 17 to November 7 at The Baruch Performing Arts Center, 55 Lexington Avenue (25th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues). Performances are Wednesday at 2pm & 8pm, Thursdays at 2pm & 8pm (except October 21 at 2pm & 7pm), Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 2pm & 6pm. For tickets, which are \$55, call The Baruch Performing Arts Center box office at 646/312-5073, or visit www.folksbiene.org

Please let me know when you can experience this remarkable show.

Sincerely,

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