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Rodgers & Hammerstein's Classic Musical
OKLAHOMA! HELD OVER through August 9, 2009

Three performances added:
August 6 & 7 at 8 PM and August 9 at 2:30 PM

(Eustis, FL)... Bay Street Players is proud to announce a hold over weekend for Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved hit musical, *Oklahoma!* Set to originally close August 2, *Oklahoma!* will now run through August 9, 2009 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Eustis. The production is sponsored by **Bowen, Radson, Schroth, PA** and **United Arts of Central Florida**.

Set in a Western Indian Territory just after the turn-of-the-century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local famers and cowboys provide the colorful background for this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic American love story. Although the road to true love is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road, this is one show that 'You Just Can't Say No' to!

With music by Richard Rodgers and Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, *Oklahoma!* is the product of their first collaboration. The musical is based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs. Favorite songs include: "Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'", "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top", "I Cain't Say No!", "People Will Say We're In Love", and "Oklahoma".

Artistic Director **David Clevinger** designed and directed the production. His team includes: **David Brown**, Musical Director; **William Dumas**, Lighting Designer; **Bonnie Swanson**, Costume Designer; **Tara Whitman**, Choreographer, and a cadre of community volunteers.

The cast features talent from all over Central Florida and includes: **Joel Warren** (*Curly*), **Ashley Willsey** (*Laurey*), **Rob Mobley** (*Will Parker*), **Whitney Abell** (*Ado Annie Carnes*), **James Meadows** (*Jud Fry*), **Ben Rush** (*Ali Hakim*) and **Deborah J. Carpenter** (*Aunt Eller*).

Oklahoma! began July 10 and continues through August 9. Thursday and Friday performances begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday matinee performance on August 9 begins at 2:30 p.m. The Eustis Kiwanis Club has scheduled a private benefit performance for Saturday matinee, August 8.

Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$10 for students. For reservations, call the Box Office at 352.357.7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org to purchase tickets online. Group discounts, gift certificates and 2009-2010 Season Tickets are available. Located at 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis, the Box Office hours are: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday performance days.

Bay Street Players is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit community theatre celebrating 34 seasons of live theatre in the historic 1922 State Theatre in downtown Eustis.

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