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NEWS RELEASE

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Sally Struthers and Carter Calvert to Star in NC Theatre's ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE

RALEIGH, N.C. – Emmy Award-winning actress, **Sally Struthers**, will return to the role of “Louise Seger” in North Carolina Theatre’s production of *Always...Patsy Cline*. **Carter Calvert** (Broadway: *It Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues*) will star in the title role. Directed by **Guy Stroman**, the limited engagement runs January 20-29, 2017 at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh. **McCrae Hardy** is the Musical Director.

Always...Patsy Cline is written by **Ted Swindley**. The show is based on the life of country music legend, Patsy Cline, and Texas housewife Louise Seger, who struck up a friendship after meeting in a honky-tonk in 1961, and continued a correspondence until Cline’s untimely death at age 30 in a 1963 plane accident. The show’s title is inspired by Cline’s letters to Seger, which were frequently signed, “Love Always...Patsy Cline.”

Sally Struthers is a two-time Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award winner for her performance in the groundbreaking TV series *All in the Family*. She starred in the Fox television series *9 to 5* and her own CBS series *Gloria*. She also recurred on the CBS comedy *Still Standing* and the CW network’s highly acclaimed *Gilmore Girls*. She joined the *Gilmore* cast for Netflix’s new four movie limited revival, which premiered last week. She recently guest starred in the acclaimed IFC comedy series *Maron*.

Sally’s first two Broadway forays were in *Wally’s Café* with Rita Moreno and Jimmy Coco and Neil Simon’s female version of the *Odd Couple* with Brenda Vaccaro. For three years she starred as “Miss Mamie Lynch” on Broadway and on tour in the Tommy Tune production of *Grease*. In the 20th Anniversary National Tour of *Annie*, Sally played the coveted role of “Miss Hannigan”.

Carter Calvert is best known for originating her role in the Tony®-nominated Broadway musical, *It Ain’t Nothin’ But The Blues* alongside Grammy® winning jazz vocalist Gregory Porter. She is featured on the cast recording and starred in the show’s national tour.

Other tours include the title role in *Always...Patsy Cline*, the featured role of “Grizabella” in the Broadway national touring company of *CATS*, the European tour of *Smokey Joe’s Café*, and an international tour of *Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway*. She’s received accolades for her off-Broadway work in *Forbidden Broadway: Comes Out Swinging* and *The Thing About Men*. She has originated World Premiere roles in the musicals *Forbidden Vegas*, *Sparkley Clean Funeral Singers* and *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*. Carter has opened for iconic performers including Liza Minnelli, Marilyn McCoo, Chubby Checker and The Temptations.

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About North Carolina Theatre

Founded in 1984, North Carolina Theatre is the region's premier nonprofit professional theatre. The artistic team at NCT is led by **Casey Hushion**, Artistic Director, and Producer **Carolee Baxter**.

About *Always...Patsy Cline*

Country has never had it so good! Complete with down-home country humor and real emotion, it's the true story of an unlikely friendship between a housewife and a legendary country singer. The musical play features many of Patsy's unforgettable hits including "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," and "Walking After Midnight."

For tickets to North Carolina Theatre's production of *ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE*, visit nctheatre.com or call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000. For groups of 10 or more, call 919- 831-6941 x6949. Coming up in our 2016/2017 season: *SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER*, February 14-19, 2017 (tour); *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*, April 11- 16, 2017; *MATILDA THE MUSICAL*, May 23-28, 2017 (tour); *DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*, July 25-30, 2017.

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