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**BROADWAY LEGEND CHRISTINE EBERSOLE TAKES THE STAGE
IN SCOTTSDALE**



Christine Ebersole

Mark Cortale Presents Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
Christine Ebersole
Featuring Seth Rudetsky as pianist and host
Saturday, March 17
8 p.m.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona — Two-time Tony® Award winner Christine Ebersole will take the stage as a last-minute replacement for Laura Benanti at Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m., when she and pianist/commentator Seth Rudetsky perform songs from the great musicals.

Ebersole, who won Tonys for her roles in *Grey Gardens* and *42nd Street* and was in the cast of such Oscar-winning films as “Amadeus” and “Tootsie,” will step in for Benanti, whose young daughter was hospitalized this week with the flu.

The Broadway legend and Rudetsky will appear as part of the series “Mark Cortale Presents Broadway @ Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts” in the Center’s Virginia G. Piper Theater. The series features cabaret-style concerts by Broadway stars, accompanied by Rudetsky and mixed with candid showbiz stories.

Ebersole mostly recently starred on Broadway in *War Paint* in her Tony-nominated role as Elizabeth Arden, opposite fellow Tony nominee Patti LuPone as Helena Rubinstein. She won her second Tony for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, as well as virtually every Off-Broadway award, for what she has called her “dual role of a lifetime” as Edith Beale and Little Edie Beal in *Grey Gardens*.

Her first Tony for Best Lead Actress in a Musical was for her portrayal of Dorothy Brock in the revival of *42nd Street*, and she has had leading roles in *On the Twentieth Century*, *Oklahoma*, *Camelot*, Gore Vidal’s *The Best Man*, *Steel Magnolias*, the recent revival of Noel Coward’s *Blithe Spirit* and *Dinner at Eight*, for which she received both Tony and Drama Desk Award nominations.

Concert appearances include the concert version of the opera *The Grapes of Wrath* at Carnegie Hall, the San Francisco Symphony’s tribute to Leonard Bernstein, the Boston Pops’ concert version of *A Little Night Music*, and PBS concerts *Gershwin at 100: A Celebration at Carnegie Hall* and *The Rodgers & Hart Story: Thou Swell, Thou Witty*. Television credits include appearances on *Ugly Betty*, *Law and Order SVU*, *Will and Grace*, *The Nanny*, *Murphy Brown*, *Ally McBeal* and *The Colbert Report*.

Rudetsky is the afternoon host on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio's *On Broadway*, as well as the host of *Seth Speaks* on Sirius/XM Stars. He began his career as pit pianist for such shows as *Ragtime*, *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera*. He found he had a knack for commentary, and expanded his work to include arts broadcast journalism. His radio shows feature interviews with major Broadway stars and deconstructions of major musicals. He also writes the *Onstage & Backstage* column for *Playbill* magazine, and wrote and co-starred in the musical *Disaster!* on Broadway.

In June of 2016, Rudetsky and his husband, James Wesley, co-produced a recording of "What The World Needs Now" with Idina Menzel, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Carole King and Audra McDonald. The benefit song went to No. 1 on iTunes, and has raised more than \$100,000 to benefit shooting victims at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. On Inauguration Day 2017, the couple started *Concert For America*, an evening of entertainment with stars of

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