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BROADWAY BELTS FOR PFF!

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2021
Friday, March 12th

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to our first-ever virtual Broadway Belts for PFF! Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the 11th anniversary of this blockbuster benefit for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF).

Although we wish we were celebrating in person at New York City’s Edison Ballroom, we are grateful to be connected virtually through the magic of Broadway Belts for PFF! The past year has presented tremendous challenges, but the PF community has remained united and focused on pushing toward a cure even amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

Tonight’s virtual presentation of Broadway Belts for PFF! offers a unique opportunity for us to bring the best of Broadway to everyone in our community and beyond. Our extraordinary host, newly inducted PFF Board Member, actress and comedienne, Julie Halston, is the indefatigable force behind this event. Julie’s passion and devotion to all whose lives have been touched by PF is the reason that Broadway Belts for PFF! continues to be the Foundation’s single largest fundraiser.

We are excited that tonight’s production has been created in partnership with Julie’s weekly YouTube sensation, Virtual Halston, which also benefits the PFF. Our heartfelt thanks to Julie, her co-host Jim Caruso, technical director Ruby Locknar, producer D. Michael Dvorchak, and the amazing cast of tonight’s program for donating their time and talent to our cause. Their spirit and song give us a rare opportunity to raise crucial funds and shine a spotlight on this devastating disease. With your support, Broadway Belts for PFF! will continue as an inspiring example of what we can achieve together.

Tonight, we honor PFF advocate and Board Member Laurie Chandler by presenting her with the Ralph Howard Legacy Award. Laurie’s extraordinary generosity and leadership have made a lasting impact on many individuals in our community as well as on the PFF. As a patient who has been on her own journey with the disease, Laurie brings hope and understanding to those who have been affected by pulmonary fibrosis. Laurie, we are proud to celebrate you and your dedication to patients and their families.

Whether you are an attendee, sponsor, celebrity guest, or helping with the production of tonight’s program, we deeply appreciate your participation in Broadway Belts for PFF!

Now, let’s enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

William T. Schmidt
President and CEO
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Julie Halston  
*Tootsie, Gypsy, You Can’t Take It With You, Sex and the City*

Jim Caruso  
*Jim Caruso’s Cast Party, Six Time MAC Award Recipient*

Robert Creighton  
*Frozen, Cagney (Fred Astaire Award), The Good Fight*

Christine Ebersole  
*Grey Gardens (Tony Award), 42nd Street (Tony Award), Bob Hearts Abishola*

Max von Essen  
*An American in Paris (Tony Award-nominee), The Good Wife, Gossip Girl*

Darlene Love  
*Inducted into the Rock N’ Roll Hall of Fame (2011), 20 Feet from Stardom (Grammy Award)*

Andrew Rannells  
*The Book of Mormon (Tony Award-nominee, Grammy Award), The Prom, Black Monday*
And Grand Finale from the **Broadway Belts** Chorus Featuring:

Colleen Ballinger, Christina Bianco, Charl Brown, Diana DeGarmo, Natalie Douglas, Aisha De Haas, Jessica Hendy, Nicolas King, Telly Leung, Ruby Locknar, Jane Monheit, Sally Mayes, Susie Mosher, T. Oliver Reid, Justin “Squigs” Robertson, Marissa Rosen, Victoria Shaw, Billy Stritch, Gene Taylor, Melanie Taylor, Marty Thomas, Rachel Ulanet, and Ace Young.

Produced by Jonathan Hawkins & To The Muse

Special Appearances By:

**Annaleigh Ashford**  
*B Positive* (CBS), *Sunday in the Park with George*

**Jesse Tyler Ferguson**  
*Modern Family* (ABC), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Harvey Fierstein**  
*Hairspray*, *Torch Song Trilogy*

**Montego Glover**  
*Memphis*, *It Should Have Been You*

**Ann Harada**  
*Avenue Q*, *Cinderella*

**James Monroe Iglehart**  
*Aladdin*, *Hamilton*

**Mary Testa**  
*Oklahoma!, Xanadu*

And Members of the **Broadway Belts for PFF!** Production Team:  
Carl Andress • Sue Frost • Christopher McGovern

2021 Broadway Belts for PFF! Production Team:  
D. Michael Dvorchak, Producer • Ruby Locknar, Technical Director
Thank you Julie Halston, Virtual Halston and the Broadway Community for bringing us a ‘breath of fresh air’ with star-studded performers, laughs and fun in this challenging time.

Thank you Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation as you continue to make huge strides in finding a cure while supporting those with this devastating disease.

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Help find a cure for you, your family, and future generations. Join the PFF Registry, opening for enrollment soon.

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Thank you Julie, George, Bill, Scott and the PFF team who make *Broadway Belts for PFF!* such an incredible evening!

Diane and Dave Steffy are proud supporters of *Broadway Belts for PFF!*
What is Pulmonary Fibrosis?

**Pulmonary fibrosis** (PF) is a family of more than 200 different lung diseases that all look very much alike. The PF family of lung diseases falls into an even larger group of diseases called “interstitial lung diseases.” The word “pulmonary” means “lung” and “fibrosis” means scar tissue – so in its simplest sense, pulmonary fibrosis means scarring in the lungs.

Pulmonary fibrosis is a progressive disease, which means it tends to worsen over time. However, every individual diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis has a unique experience with the disease and there is no “standard” or expected clinical course.

With no known cure, certain forms of PF, such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, (IPF), may take the lives of patients within three to five years from diagnosis. The good news for people living with PF is that there are treatments designed to specifically manage the symptoms of the disease and researchers are studying new ways to halt its progression.
Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is proud to be a longtime supporter of Broadway Belts for PFF.

We celebrate all who gather here virtually and salute Julie Halston and the entire Broadway Belts for PFF team for the loving passion they bring to it all.

We miss our pals, Ralph Howard and Michael Kuchwara.

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MICHAEL KUCHWARA

*Broadway Belts for PFF!* began 11 years ago as a tribute to beloved Associated Press (AP) Theater Critic, Michael Kuchwara, after he succumbed to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in May 2010. Kuchwara was known for his kindness, generosity, and easygoing personality. He had a devout love of theater, especially musical theater, from a very young age.

During his 40 year career with the AP and with his appointment to the national theater desk in 1984, he reviewed nearly every production that came through New York as well many regional arenas, and his work appeared in thousands of papers and on websites around the world.
Ralph Howard was a renowned radio personality and newscaster who is best known for his coverage of the tragedies of 9/11 and his work on The Howard Stern Show for Sirius XM. He adored his career in broadcasting and worked to educate, mentor, and inspire younger colleagues in the field. Howard was also very active in his community, serving on his co-op board, block association and community board, and volunteering at museums, The Theatre Development Fund, and Lincoln Center. Ralph and his wife, Julie Halston, were founding partners of Broadway Belts for PFF! and became leading advocates for the PF community after his own battle with IPF. He received a life-extending lung transplant in 2010 and passed due to complications from the disease in August 2018.

Ralph’s endless curiosity about the world and his direct and generous engagement with it inspired us to create The Ralph Howard Legacy Award. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the pulmonary fibrosis community and who embody Ralph’s mission of fostering and supporting talent through mentorship, opportunity, and education. The inaugural award was presented at Broadway Belts for PFF! in 2019 and will continue to be an integral part of the event as we honor Ralph and the incredible achievements and generosity of the recipients each year.
In recognition and gratitude for her extraordinary generosity and kindness, we are honored to present the 2021 Ralph Howard Legacy Award to Laurie Chandler.

Laurie is a Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) advocate and Board Member who joined the PFF as a volunteer after receiving a life-saving lung transplant in 2014. Since then, Laurie has devoted herself to helping as many people impacted by pulmonary fibrosis as possible.

Laurie is a comforting and knowledgeable voice for newly diagnosed patients facing the daunting journey ahead. Her positive mindset instills confidence, a true gift to families who often feel alone and helpless. Laurie is eager to share her personal experience and empower those on this path. She directs them to resources for education and care, lends her perspective on her own diagnosis, and above all, provides hope.

As someone who faced the struggles of pulmonary fibrosis head on, Laurie’s calming tone reassures patients that they can be proactive in living with PF. She believes that if patients can get diagnosed earlier they will have more promising outcomes. Laurie understands that care and support must come not only from doctors but also from fellow patients, loved ones, and the PF community at large.

Laurie serves as the Treasurer of the PFF Board of Directors. She has been instrumental in the launch of several PFF fundraising initiatives, most recently the PFF’s planned giving program. Laurie is a financial advisor and partner at Vigilant Capital, LLC and spent much of her career as a relationship manager and wealth planner. In addition to her role with the PFF, Laurie serves as the co-chair of the Patient Family Advisory Council of Portsmouth Regional Hospital and is a Brigham Legacy Society member of Brigham Women’s Hospital.

Laurie’s caring attitude and committed leadership are guiding us toward a better world for those impacted by pulmonary fibrosis. The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to Laurie Chandler for all that she has done for our patients, caregivers, and their loved ones.
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In memory of our dear Ralph and

In honor of Julie and the great work of PFF

With Love,

Daryl Roth
Our warmest congratulations to Laurie Chandler on receiving the Ralph Howard Legacy Award. Laurie, you are a guiding light for the pulmonary fibrosis community. We applaud you!

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The 2021 PFF Walk is coming soon! Registration will open this spring. For more information and to sign up to receive the latest event updates, visit PFFWalk.org.
Bravo!

Robert Creighton and Elizabeth Phillipson Weiner

for launching our very first Broadway Belts for PFF! Sea Shanty! The lyrics and melody entertained and inspired us to join together in new ways – thank you!

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You’ve got something to look forward to this year:

PFF Summit 2021
November 8-13

Stay tuned for exciting details!

For more information, visit PFFSummit.org
Congratulations to Broadway Belts for PFF! for continuing to raise support and awareness for Pulmonary Fibrosis

The Hales Family Foundation is proud to support Broadway Belts for PFF! in memory of our biggest star, Thomas E. Hales
Each September, we shine the spotlight on you

- Get the facts about PF
- Share your story
- Be creative with #BlueUp4PF
- Engage on social media
- Start a fundraiser
- And so much more

Learn how you can get involved in Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month this September at pulmon aryfibrosis.org/pfam

Make a difference
For trusted information about pulmonary fibrosis, the **PFF Help Center** is your hub for information. Contact us for resources, free educational materials, information about support services, and so much more.

Jumpstart your weekend with Julie Halston every Friday at 5:00 p.m. EST on YouTube for **Virtual Halston**! With guaranteed laughs and guest Broadway stars each week, you won’t want to miss out. Be sure to leave a tip — all proceeds from Virtual Halston benefit the PFF.
The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation’s mission is to drive research and act as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community. We exist to serve people of every race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, identity, and experience. Through research programs and patient education, we are committed to ensuring that everyone with pulmonary fibrosis receives the care and treatment they need.

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Congratulates Broadway Belts for leadership, vision, and support for patients with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

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Got something you’d like to share with the PF community? We’d love to hear from you! Tag us or send a direct message with your content.

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for your support in creating our special Broadway Belts for PFF! and Virtual Halston graphic to open tonight’s show. Your creativity and artistry delight us!

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200,000 Americans currently live with pulmonary fibrosis, with 50,000 new cases diagnosed annually.

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through Theater Authority, Inc. for their cooperation in permitting the Artists to appear on this program.

A special thanks to tonight’s performers who have so generously donated their time and talents.
Thank YOU for a dazzling evening!

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