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TEATRO CÍRCULO presents
LOVE TO LOVE YOU BABY: LA HISTORIA de DOLORES VERANO
starring Lorraine Vélez

New York, NY April 22, 2022 – Teatro Círculo, one of New York’s leading Spanish language theatres, presents its most ambitious contemporary play production ever: *Love to Love You Baby: La Historia de Dolores Verano*, reuniting Broadway and West End star Lorraine Vélez with director/playwright Luis Caballero. A world premiere play with music, *La Historia de Dolores Verano*, is set in the heady disco days of 1970’s when Donna Summer’s *Bad Girls*, *She Works Hard for the Money* and *Last Dance* ruled the radio waves.

Caballero’s poetically and sympathetically written story is set in the Bronx where Dolores Verano, played by Lorraine Vélez, is abandoned by her mother at an early age and left to fend for herself with her bitter and abusive father, played by Frances Mateo, resulting in a life of physical and psychological trauma.

Despite her success as a hairstylist at a local salon, Dolores endures domestic violence from her abusive law enforcement officer husband (Fernando Contreras) at home, and seeking refuge, finds solace in the uplifting and inspiring songs of Donna Summer.

Luis Caballero has written a beautiful commemoration to those who have endured violence in their homes, while reminding us of the healing power of music.” – said José ‘Cheo’ Oliveras, Founding Artistic Director, Teatro Círculo.

“Love to Love You Baby: La Historia de Dolores Verano will perform from May 12 to 29, 2022 on Thursdays at 8pm; Fridays at 8pm; Saturdays at 3pm and 8pm; and Sundays at 3:00pm at Teatro Círculo (64 East 4th Street, NYC). General Admission tickets are \$35 for all performances. Face covering will be required.

To buy tickets, visit www.teatrocirculo.org .

Love to Love You Baby: La Historia de Dolores Verano is generously supported by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA), and the Howard Gilman Foundation. Luis Caballero received a commission from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to complete the play. An October staged reading was made possible by the Mayor’s City Artist Corps Grants.

Lorraine Vélez was raised in Far Rockaway, Brooklyn, of Puerto Rican parents. Lorraine’s career has transcended from Broadway (*Rent*, *Dreamgirls*) to London where she originated the London role of Carmen in *Fame*. Off-Off Broadway, she starred in Caballero’s *DC-7: The Roberto Clemente Story* in 2019. Three years later, they are back with *Love to Love You Baby: La Historia de Dolores Verano*.

Love to Love You Baby: La Historia de Dolores Verano Written and directed by Luis Caballero.
Actors: Lorraine Vélez, Fernando Contreras y Francis Mateo. **Stage Manager:** Iván Goris.
Stage Design: Kip Silva. **Choreography:** Fernando Contreras. **Musical Director:** Pablo Zinger.
Photography and video: Michael Palma Mir.

Teatro Círculo

64 East 4th Street, between Bowery & 2nd Avenues

Tickets: General audience: \$35; Student and Seniors: \$30; Groups of 10 or more: \$25

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In Spanish with English subtitles.

ABOUT TEATRO CÍRCULO

Founded in 1994 by Founding Artistic Director José Cheo Oliveras, Teatro Círculo is New York City's premier Spanish language classical and contemporary Latino theatre company. Recognized for its artistic excellence with more than 95 ACE, HOLA and ATI Awards, Teatro Círculo's productions continue to amplify the rich mosaic of Iberian and Latino cultures demonstrating the pluralism and artistic vitality of our people both here and abroad.

The Company is in New York's famous Fourth Arts Block at 64 East 4th Street, between Bowery & 2nd Avenue. To connect with Teatro Círculo via social media, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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SHOWTIMES:

Thursdays - May 12, 19, 26 @ 8pm

Fridays - May 13, 20, 27 @ 8pm

Saturdays - May 14, 21, 28 @ 3pm & 8pm

Sundays - May 15, 22, 29 @ 3pm

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