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***Seniors On Broadway* returns to Senior University**

Broadway Center Conservatory and Senior University are joining forces again to offer *Seniors On Broadway*, an eight-week series of workshop style classes for folks 55 or better. The classes will meet for an hour and a half on Friday afternoons beginning March 5 and culminating in a showcase performance on Friday, April 23.

A new feature of the class this session will be sessions on the spoken word led by local poet Lucas Smiraldo.

One of last fall's workshop participants, David Quiring, said, "I wanted to try something completely new to stretch myself. And, man, has this been a fun stretch!" After years of singing in choirs, the former hospital chaplain provided the solo intro for *They Can't Take That Away From Me* at the December showcase.

The workshops will focus on acting and vocal exercises with a nod to classic Broadway musicals. No experience is required, just a willingness to work and have fun.

Conservatory Director Nyree Martinez and the conservatory's musical director Gabe McPherson will instruct the class.

Registration is required by March 10, but the workshops are free to both community members and Franke Tobey Jones residents. Registration can be through www.franketobeyjones.com, by phone at 253-756-6219 or by e-mail at cwilliams@franketobeyjones.com.

Senior University is a community service of Franke Tobey Jones offering classes for individuals 55 or better from the surrounding community as well as those who live on the FTJ campus. Most classes are free of charge.

The Wellness Center is located in the Lillian Pratt Building, Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Estates, 5340 N. Bristol St. (corner of North Park Way and North Vassault Street) in Tacoma near Point Defiance Park.

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Established in 1924, Franke Tobey Jones is a non-profit organization and public charity. Tudor-style residences are located on 20 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds adjacent to 700-acre Pt. Defiance Park in Tacoma's historic North End. As a Continuing Care Retirement Community, Franke Tobey Jones offers multiple Independent residences for active retirees, with the peace of mind of lovely Assisted Living, 24-hour Health Care and Memory Care facilities steps away. The 6,000 sq. ft. Wellness Center, Bistro Café, Beauty Shops, engaging activity calendar, putting green and Senior University round out the picture of gracious and energetic retirement living.