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## Karli Cole Can **BELT IT LIKE BRICE!**

(SARASOTA, Fla.)- Asolo Rep is happy to announce Bradenton resident **KARLI COLE** as the winner of **Belt it Like Brice!** Presented in conjunction with the Asolo Rep production of *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl*, **Belt it Like Brice** asked contestants to submit a video of them singing in the fashion of Broadway star Fanny Brice. Karli has won a VIP evening on the town and at Asolo Rep, including dinner for two at Café L'Europe, a personal driver to and from dinner to the theater, box seating for Asolo Rep's production of *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl*, a featured spot on Asolo Rep's website, as well as other great prizes. Karli's video will be posted on Asolo Rep's Facebook as well as the **Belt it Like Brice** homepage at [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org). A complete listing of Karli's prizes are as follows:

- **Dinner for two at Café L' Europe**
- **Luxury Car Service from Thrifty Car Rental, from Café L' Europe to Asolo Repertory Theatre**
- **VIP arrival at Asolo Repertory Theatre, photos provided by Cliff Roles Photography**
- **Two tickets to see *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl* in the VIP Box Seating**
- **Light refreshments provided at intermission by Morton's Gourmet Market**
- **A private "Meet and Greet" with the actors backstage after the performance**
- **Return Luxury Car Service from Thrifty Car Rental, back to Café L' Europe, to your vehicle.**
- **The winning video will be featured on Asolo Rep's Facebook page as well as the *Belt it Like Brice* Asolo Rep webpage.**

The contest runner-up will receive a Morton's Gourmet Market gift basket and two tickets to see *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl*.

*Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl* is playing now until June 17. Written and directed by David H. Bell, this new musical follows Brice as she tells her side of the story about the men in her life, all while singing the songs that made Brice famous- including *Rose of Washington Square*, *Secondhand Rose*, and *My Man*.

Known for her witty banter, Brice was quoted once saying, "Listen, kid! I've done everything in the theatre except marry a property man. I've been a soubrette in burlesque and I've accompanied stereopticon slides. I've acted for Belasco and I've laid 'em out in the rows at the Palace. I've doubled as an alligator, I've worked for the Shuberts, and I've been joined to Billy Rose in the holy bonds. I've painted the house boards and I've sold tickers and I've been fired by George M. Cohan. I've played in London before the king and in Oil City before miners with lanterns in their caps."1

Show sponsors for *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl* include Grapevine Communications, INC., *Living on the Suncoast*,

SNN Local News 6 and Café L' Europe. Tickets for *Fanny Brice, America's Funny Girl* are available through the Asolo Repertory Theatre box office by calling 941-351-8000 or toll-free, 800-361-8388. Tickets are also available online at [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org).

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Now in its 53rd season, Asolo Repertory Theatre is widely recognized as one of the premier professional theatres in the Southeastern United States. One of the few true repertory companies in the nation, Asolo Rep presents a diverse repertoire of newly commissioned plays, bold reinterpretations of contemporary and classical works, and provocative new musical theatre experiences each season. With its ambitious theatrical offerings and groundbreaking education, outreach and audience development programming, Asolo Rep is more vibrant and its work more relevant than ever before.