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**PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT:  
Topol Leaving the Touring Production of Fiddler On The Roof**

Buffalo, NY -- The touring company of the Broadway musical, **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**, announced today that **Chaim Topol** who played the role of Tevye, will be leaving the tour effective immediately due to medical reasons. The role of Tevye will now be performed by **John Preece**. This will be Mr. Preece's eighth National Tour of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**. He has performed in the show 3,000 times and played the role of Tevye in 1,400 of these performances.

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** comes to Shea's Performing Arts Center from November 17-22, 2009 for eight performances. "These situations occur in live theatre" said Anthony Conte, president of Shea's. "Our performances of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** will go on as scheduled and we are confident that John Preece will be wonderful in the role of Tevye. We look forward to next week's performances and feel that our patrons will understand the circumstances and will enjoy this great production of this beloved and classic musical."

Based on the timeless stories of Sholom Aleichem, **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** is a family musical about the bonds that hold husbands and wives and parents and children together in times of hardship and times of joy. As Tevye, a humble milkman and father, wrestles with the new customs of a younger generation, he is punctuated by an unforgettable score that weaves the haunting strains of "Sunrise, Sunset" and the rousing "If I Were A Rich Man" with the exuberant "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and triumphant "Tradition."

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