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New York City Performers Honor Front Line Traveling Nurse Lynne Hewett Producer Bernie Furshpan Presents Virtual "USO" Style Shows in Tribute to Frontline Medical Personnel

New York, NY – May 2, 2020 – Live entertainment producer and promoter, Bernie Furshpan, will present a virtual 'show' of support on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 6pm EST on Zoom honoring traveling nurse Lynne Hewett, RN, who is presently working with frontline colleagues at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC. Nurse Hewett has twice before come to New York City, after 9/11 and again after Superstorm Sandy, to work beside local medical personnel. Bernie has recently created a series of performances some people have likened to a virtual "USO" style variety show – he and the performers are bringing entertainment to medical troops where they're stationed and unable to travel for a night out.

Performers Jaycee Driesen, Sean Harkness, Warren Schein, Devin Bing, and Bob Greenberg will contribute their talents in honor of Nurse Hewett's service in a time of such great need. Bernie Furshpan, who formerly owned the much missed Flatiron nightclub, *Metropolitan Room*, has been assembling groups of entertainers who wish to show their gratitude to the heroic healthcare workers and service personnel who are caring for those seriously affected by Covid-19. In a nod to his former stage, he's dubbed the new platform *Metropolitan Zoom*.

"In addition to our healthcare workers, we can't say enough about how much we appreciate the courage and heroism of all our first responders, essential service and product providers, and all those that are tirelessly helping our nation survive the nightmare that fell upon us so unexpectedly," says Bernie, "and though we can't gather together in a club, we can show our gratitude through a live, online video conferencing platform. Who would ever have thought we'd be doing this? But here we are, putting on shows with our local and national entertainment community."

Nurse Lynne Hewett, who is from Utah, flew into New York City a couple of weeks ago to work the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic. She visited us as an emergency room nurse in New York after 9/11, and also packed her gear and flew to Haiti in 2010, helping victims following the catastrophic earthquake in January of that year. She came back to NYC in 2012 to assist in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Bernie Furshpan has future plans for more shows and an educational component, too. Performers and personalities who've taken part include TV personality and author, Bill Boggs, Trumpeter-singer Bria Skonberg, Songwriter-actress Amanda McBroom, singer-actress Pia Zadora, actor and singer Tom Wopat, actor Don Most and *Fifth Dimension* founding member, Florence LaRue who appeared in recent weekly shows honoring the Pulmonary & Critical Care Unit of Lenox Hill Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital.

To access the event honoring Nurse Lynne Hewett, on Friday, May 8 at 6pm EST, go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88963266377?pwd=bkl4WFlCYkhEcW9oWGc2YXNRR05tdz09 Meeting ID: 889 6326 6377 / Password: 160142

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