



GRAMMY AWARD NOMINATED SONGWRITER AND
STAR OF "AMERICAN IDOL" & BRAVO'S "PLATINUM HIT"
KARA DIOGUARDI



STOPS BY PLANET HOLLYWOOD TIMES SQUARE
FOR A HANDPRINT CERMONY TO PROMOTE
HER BROADWAY STAGE DEBUT AS
MERRY MURDERESS ROXIE HART
IN THE TONY AWARD-WINNING HIT MUSICAL CHICAGO

~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT 6:30 PM ~

WHO: Kara DioGuardi - - is currently making her Broadway stage debut as merry murderess Roxie Hart in the Tony Award-winning hit musical **CHICAGO** for an eight-week limited engagement through Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the Ambassador Theatre (219 W. 49th St.).

Kara was introduced to America on seasons 9 and 10 of the hit FOX show "**American Idol**" and as head judge on Bravo's "**Platinum Hit**."

It was also recently announced that Bravo is developing a reality show tentatively entitled "**Kara**," which will focus on her life mentoring young songwriters, and her company, Arthouse.

Kara is also an established record producer, record executive, music publisher, author and TV producer. As Executive Vice President at Warner Brothers Records, Kara has signed artists like Jason Derulo and Iyaz. Her publishing company, Arthouse Entertainment, boasts hits from Bruno Mars, Cee Lo Green, Eminem, B.O.B., Travie McCoy, Flo Rida, Whitney Houston and Sean Kingston.

This April, she released her self-penned HarperCollins book "A Helluva High Note: Surviving Life, Love and American Idol."

WHAT: Kara DioGuardi will be at **Planet Hollywood Times Square** to promote her starring role as Roxie Hart in the Tony Award-winning hit musical **CHICAGO** with a handprint ceremony in the main dining room.

Her handprints will later be displayed on the walls of a TBD Planet Hollywood location.

CHICAGO - - Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, **CHICAGO** is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who murders her lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival prison mate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today's tabloids.

Now in its 15th glorious year of girls, glitz and glamour on the Great White Way, the record-breaking smash hit musical **CHICAGO** is now the fifth longest-running production in Broadway history ... and shows no sign of slowing down!

Directed by **Walter Bobbie** and choreographed by **Ann Reinking**, and produced by **Barry and Fran Weissler**, **CHICAGO** has become a worldwide phenomenon with productions in 24 countries and 11 languages since 1996.

Visit www.ChicagoTheMusical.com for more information.

WHERE: Planet Hollywood Times Square - - 1540 Broadway (corner of 45th Street)

WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm - - **YOUR COVERAGE IS REQUESTED AT 6:15 PM**

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