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US NATIONAL TOUR OF THE SMASH HIT WEST END MUSICAL

THE BODYGUARD THE MUSICAL

TO PLAY COLUMBUS FEBRUARY 14-19

Grammy® Award Nominee and R&B Superstar Deborah Cox to Star

CAPA and Broadway in Columbus are is delighted to announce that the first US national tour of the hit musical *THE BODYGUARD*, will play the Ohio Theatre February 14-19. Grammy® Award-nominated and multi-platinum R&B/pop recording artist and film/TV actress Deborah Cox will star as Rachel Marron. In the role of bodyguard Frank Farmer is television star Judson Mills.

Tickets start at \$34 and can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and online at www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000. Orders for groups of 20 or more may be placed by calling (614) 719-6900.

The performance schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 14, 7:30pm
Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 pm
Thursday, February 16, 7:30 pm
Friday, February 17, 8 pm
Saturday, February 18, 2 pm & 8 pm
Sunday, February 19, 1 pm & 6:30 pm

Based on Lawrence Kasdan's 1992 Oscar-nominated Warner Bros. film and adapted by Academy Award winner (*Birdman*) Alexander Dinelaris, *THE BODYGUARD* had its world

premiere on December 5, 2012, at London's Adelphi Theatre. It was nominated for four Laurence Olivier Awards including Best New Musical and Best Set Design and won Best New Musical at the Whatsonstage Awards. The UK production of the musical recently completed a sell-out 16-month UK and Ireland tour, and made its triumphant return to London's West End at the Dominion Theatre on July 15, 2016.

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge; what they don't expect is to fall in love. A romantic thriller, *THE BODYGUARD* features a host of irresistible classics including "So Emotional," "One Moment in Time," "Saving All My Love," "Run to You," "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," and one of the biggest selling songs of all time, "I Will Always Love You."

Direction is by Thea Sharrock, set and costume design is by Tim Hatley, lighting design by Mark Henderson, sound design by Richard Brooker, and video design by Duncan McLean. Choreography is by Karen Bruce, orchestrations by Chris Egan, musical supervision by Richard Beadle, and production musical supervision by Mike Dixon. The US national tour of *THE BODYGUARD* is produced by Michael Harrison, David Ian, and Nederlander Presentations, Inc.

Rounding out the principal cast are Alex Corrado (*Gotham, Hannibal*) as Tony Scibelli, Rachel's personal security guard; Charles Gray (Broadway: *The Color Purple*, Tour: *The Lion King*) as manager Bill Devaney; Jonathan Hadley (Broadway: *Jersey Boys, A Class Act*) as publicist Sy Spector; Jorge Paniagua (Regional: *The Full Monty*, Oregon Shakespeare Festival) as the Stalker; Jasmin Richardson (Tour: *Memphis, Dreamgirls*) as Rachel's sister Nicki Marron; and Douglas Baldeo (Broadway: *Kinky Boots*, Tour: *Motown*) and Kevelin B. Jones III (Idlewild Music Festival) alternating in the role of Rachel's son Fletcher.

The ensemble includes Arielle Campbell, Brendon Chan, Willie Dee, Jarid Faubel, Megan Elyse Fulmer, Emily Jenda, Alejandra Matos, Bradford Rahmlow, Benjamin Rivera, Sean Rozanski, Matthew Schmidt, Jaquez André Sims, Lauren Tanner, and Naomi C. Walley.

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CALENDAR LISTING

CAPA and Broadway in Columbus present *THE BODYGUARD*

February 14-19

Ohio Theatre (55 E. State St.)

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