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PNC BROADWAY IN COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES LINEUP FOR 2016-17 SEASON

Subscriptions to five-show season go on sale today

The Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) and Broadway in Columbus (BIC) today announced the 2016-17 PNC Broadway in Columbus season. The five-show season boasts four productions never before seen in Columbus including Tony® Award-winning *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, *The Bodyguard*, and the Tony® and Grammy® Award-winning *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical*. The 2016-17 lineup also includes a brand new, Tony® Award-winning production of Roundabout Theatre Company's *Cabaret*.

In addition to the five-show season package, there will be two 2016-17 season add-on options including STOMP and the 20th anniversary world tour of Riverdance.

Subscriptions for the 2016-17 PNC Broadway in Columbus season go on sale today and include:

Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA

November 22-27, 2016

Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA is the Tony® Award-winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* and *South Pacific* that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations, and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers + Hammerstein's most beloved songs including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago" in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream... or a really great pair of shoes.

Disney's *THE LITTLE MERMAID*

January 31-February 5, 2017

Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

In a magical kingdom fathoms below, we meet Ariel, the little mermaid who is tired of flipping her fins and longs to be part of the fascinating world on dry land. Joining her are Sebastian, Ariel's crabby sidekick; Ursula, the evil sea witch; Triton, King of the Sea; and the handsome and human Prince Eric. Based on the Disney animated film and hit Broadway musical, featuring all of the songs you know and love, and a few new ones by Oscar®-winning composer Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, Theatre Under The Stars production of *The Little Mermaid* is one the whole family will enjoy. Dive on in! Life is the bubbles, under the sea!

THE BODYGUARD

February 14-19, 2017

Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

Based on the smash-hit film, this award-winning musical stars Grammy® Award nominee and R&B superstar Deborah Cox. 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 breathtakingly romantic thriller, *The Bodyguard* features a host of irresistible classics including "Queen of the Night," "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."

Roundabout Theatre Company's CABARET

March 28-April 2, 2017

Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

As part of its 50th anniversary season, the critically acclaimed and award-winning Roundabout Theatre Company is proud to present Sam Mendes (*Skyfall*, *American Beauty*) and Rob Marshall's (*Into the Woods* and *Chicago*, the films) Tony Award®-winning production of *CABARET*. Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theatre history, including "Cabaret," "Willkommen," and "Maybe This Time." Leave your troubles outside – life is beautiful at John Kander, Fred Ebb, and Joe Masteroff's Tony-winning musical about following your heart while the world loses its way.

BEAUTIFUL – THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

June 6-11, 2017

Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.)

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical tells the Tony® and Grammy® Award-winning, inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music. She wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

Subscriptions range from \$160-\$535 per person and are on sale now at

www.BroadwayInColumbus.com, by phone at (800) 294-1892 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm), or in person at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.). CAPA Ticket Center hours are Mondays-Fridays 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

Tickets for the two season add-ons will be sold separately, with season subscribers being given the first opportunity to purchase tickets prior to the general public. 2016-17 season add-ons include:

STOMP

March 10-12, 2017

Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.)

STOMP is explosive, provocative, sophisticated, sexy, utterly unique, and appeals to audiences of all ages. The return of the percussive hit also brings some new surprises, with some sections of the show now updated and restructured and the addition of two new full-scale routines, utilizing props like tractor tire inner tubes and paint cans.

RIVERDANCE – THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD TOUR

May 12-14, 2017

Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.)

The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music, and song. Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland, none have carried the energy, sensuality, and the spectacle of Riverdance.

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About CAPA

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent, historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, and Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a not-for-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment in operation for more than 40 years. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

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