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PRESS RELEASE

MUSICAL THEATRE WEST ANNOUNCES THE FIRST SHOW IN THEIR SUPERSIZED SEASON!

Southern California's Premier Musical Theater Company in residence at
the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Long Beach

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

Over three decades after the duo's final collaboration, *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*, took the world by storm, it was this new R&H musical that opened the 1994 Broadway season, gaining wildly enthusiastic reviews. Rodgers & Hammerstein probably never imagined "Shall We Dance?" as a comic pas de deux, nor did they suspect that one day a lovelorn young lad might pose the musical question, "How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?" but with innovative musical arrangements including a sultry Andrew Sisters-esque "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair", a swingin' "Honeybun" and a jazzy "Kansas City", this exhilarating revue leaves no question about how terrifically up-to-date the remarkable songs of R&H remain.

Jason Graae originally starred in the Broadway production, and now brings his talents as director to this show. Jason will be familiar to MTW audiences from his recent appearance in *FOREVER PLAID 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT* and *NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT*. Dennis Castellano, a staple at MTW since 1983, will be the Musical Director and DJ Gray best known for Broadway's *THE PRODUCERS*, will make her choreographer debut and round out the creative team. The cast includes Joan Almedilla, Broadway's Kim in *MISS SAIGON*, Richard Bermudez MTW's Ché in *EVITA*, Kelley Dorney seen in MTW *NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT*, Jacob Haren from Broadway's *BOOK OF MORMON* and Frank in MTW's *CATCH ME IF YOU CAN*, and Natalie Wachen from *THE HAMILTON MIXTAPE* and MTW's 2005 production of *RAGTIME*.

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING runs October 15-31, 2021

Tickets start at \$20.00

Tickets now on sale for the 2021-2022 Season

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING, *THE ANDREWS BROTHERS*, *ON THIS SIDE OF THE WORLD*, *GREASE*, *SMOKEY JOES CAFÉ*, and *CINDERELLA*

Performances are at The Carpenter Performing Arts Center, 6200 Atherton Street.
Long Beach

Ticket and season information is available at www.musical.org or contact the box office at (562) 856-1999 ext 4

Please contact Dana Leach for more information, interview requests, press tickets(available by request for Saturday, Oct 16 only) at education-outreach@musical.org

New Health & Safety Information

Musical Theatre West and the Carpenter Performing Arts Center have joined together to provide their audiences with the safest spaces possible to enjoy live entertainment once again. Together they will require ticket holders to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, provide proof of vaccination, and continue to wear masks while enjoying shows.

Acceptable proof of vaccination includes:

- Physical Covid-19 record card
- A clear photo of the Covid-19 record card
- Digital record of Covid-19 vaccination (available at <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>)

Patrons without a vaccine due to medical reasons sincerely held religious beliefs, or are under the age of 12 will be admitted with a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of their scheduled performance.

We are excited to invite audiences back for all indoor performances in a safe space for attendees, artists, crew, and staff