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10-TIME TONY-NOMINATED NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL *SOMETHING ROTTEN!* PREMIERES IN PHILADELPHIA ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4, 2018

"A DELIRIOUSLY ENTERTAINING new musical comedy that brings down the house!"
—*New York Post*

"FRESH, IRREVERENT and HYSTERICAL!"
—AP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, December 18, 2017) — The completely original new musical *Something Rotten!* makes its Philadelphia debut from February 27 – March 4 at the Academy of Music on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus. The show is directed and choreographed by Tony Award® winner Casey Nicholaw (*The Book of Mormon*, *Aladdin*); with music and lyrics by Grammy Award winner and Tony Award® nominee Wayne Kirkpatrick and Golden Globe Award and Tony Award® nominee Karey Kirkpatrick; and a book by Tony Award® nominees Karey Kirkpatrick and best-selling author John O'Farrell.

“We are thrilled to present this hilarious comedy about two brothers to our City of Brotherly Love audiences for the first time ever!” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The Kimmel Center brings the hottest shows directly from Broadway to our stages and we can’t wait to see how Philadelphia audiences respond to this Tony-nominated show.”

Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *Something Rotten!* comes to Philadelphia with three principal cast members direct from Broadway: Philadelphia’s own Rob McClure as Nick Bottom, Adam Pascal as Shakespeare, and Josh Grisetti as Nigel Bottom. The touring cast also features Maggie Lakis as Bea, Blake Hammond as Nostradamus, Autumn Hurlbert as Portia, Scott Cote as Brother Jeremiah, and Jeff Brooks as Shylock. Philadelphia native Maggie Lakis also happens to be married (in real life) to Rob McClure, and the two have made Philadelphia their hometown!

The award-winning design team of Broadway veterans includes Scott Pask (scenic design), Gregg Barnes (costume design), Jeff Croiter (lighting design), Peter Hylenski (sound design), Josh Marquette (hair design), Phil Reno (music direction / conductor), Glen Kelly (arrangements), Larry Hochman (orchestrations), Steve Bebout (associate director), and casting by Telsey + Company/Bethany Knox, CSA.

From the director of *Aladdin* and co-director of *The Book of Mormon* and the producer of *Rent*, *Avenue Q*, and *In the Heights*, this hilarious new musical comedy tells the story of brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom, two playwrights stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star Will Shakespeare. When a soothsayer foretells the next big thing in theatre involves singing, dancing, and acting *at the same time*, the Bottom brothers set out to write the world's very first MUSICAL! With the most singing, the most dancing, and the most gut-busting laughs on Broadway, it's something wonderful... something for everyone... It's *Something Rotten!*, "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years" (Time Out New York)!

With its heart on its ruffled sleeve and sequins in its soul, *Something Rotten!* is an uproarious dose of pure Broadway fun and an irresistible ode to musicals — those dazzling creations that entertain us, inspire us, and remind us that everything’s better with an exclamation point!

SOMETHING ROTTEN!

Academy of Music on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Dates and times:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, visiting kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

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Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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