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HARPER LEE'S

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

A NEW PLAY BY AARON SORKIN
BASED ON HARPER LEE'S CLASSIC NOVEL
DIRECTED BY BARTLETT SHER
PREMIERES IN PHILADELPHIA AS PART OF THE
KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS' BROADWAY SERIES,
CO-PRESENTED BY THE SHUBERT ORGANIZATION

JULY 12 - 24, 2022

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED, RECORD-BREAKING PRODUCTION STARS EMMY AWARD® WINNER RICHARD THOMAS AND ORIGINAL FILM "SCOUT" MARY BADHAM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May XX, 2022) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in partnership with The Shubert Organization, presents the history-making production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in a Philadelphia premiere engagement, July 12 – 24, 2022 at the Campus' Academy of Music. Academy Award® winner Aaron Sorkin's new play, directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher and based on Harper Lee's classic novel, will come to Philadelphia as part of a multi-year national tour across North America.

"This theatrical production, based on the famous Pulitzer prize-winning book, addresses many of the same social issues that are still happening today," said Frances Egler, senior director of

programming and presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "It is an honor to bring the critically-acclaimed production to Philadelphia, including a stellar cast, including Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch, and Mary Badham, who starred opposite the late Gregory Peck in the 1962 film."

Set in Alabama in 1934, Harper Lee's enduring story of racial injustice and childhood innocence centers on one of the most venerated characters in American literature, small-town lawyer Atticus Finch. The cast of characters includes Atticus's daughter Scout, her brother Jem, their housekeeper and caretaker, Calpurnia, their visiting friend Dill, and a mysterious neighbor, the reclusive Arthur "Boo" Radley. The other indelible residents of Maycomb, Alabama, are Bob Ewell, Tom Robinson, prosecutor Horace Gilmer, Judge Taylor and Mayella Ewell.

Starring in the critically acclaimed production are Emmy Award®-winning actor Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch, Melanie Moore as Scout Finch, Jacqueline Williams as Calpurnia, Justin Mark as Jem Finch, Yaegel T. Welch as Tom Robinson, Steven Lee Johnson as Dill Harris, and Mary Badham (Oscar® nominated for the role of "Scout" in the feature film) as Mrs. Dubose. They are joined by Joey Collins as Bob Ewell, Richard Poe as Judge Taylor, Luke Smith as Horace Gilmer, Arianna Gayle Stucki as Mayella Ewell, David Christopher Wells as Sheriff Heck Tate, Anthony Natale as Link Deas, Liv Rooth as Miss Stephanie, Travis Johns as Mr. Cunningham, and ensemble members Morgan Bernhard, Denise Cormier, Christopher R Ellis, Stephen Elrod, Glenn Fleary, Maeve Moynihan, Daniel Neale, Dorcas Sowunmi and Greg Wood, a Philadelphia area native from Aston, PA in suburban Delaware County.

Yaegel T. Welch, Steven Lee Johnson, Luke Smith, Liv Rooth, and Glenn Fleary join the tour from the Broadway production.

To Kill a Mockingbird holds the record as the highest-grossing American play in Broadway history. It began performances on November 1, 2018, at the Shubert Theatre and played to sold-out houses until the Broadway shutdown in March 2020. On February 26, 2020, To Kill a Mockingbird became the first-ever Broadway play to perform at New York's Madison Square Garden, in front of approximately 18,000 New York City public school students, also marking the largest attendance at a single performance of a play ever in world theater. The production resumed performances on October 5, 2021, and concluded its run at the Shubert Theatre on January 16, 2022. To Kill a Mockingbird is set to resume performances at Broadway's Belasco Theatre with Greg Kinnear as Atticus Finch in summer 2022. A production in London's West End is currently running at the Gielgud Theatre starring Rafe Spall.

To Kill a Mockingbird is designed by Miriam Buether, with costumes by Ann Roth, lighting by Jennifer Tipton, sound by Scott Lehrer, and an original score by Adam Guettel. Casting by Telsey and Co. The national tour is produced by Barry Diller.

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TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD is part of the Kimmel Cultural Campus' 2021-22 Broadway season, co-presented by The Shubert Organization. The remaining season also includes **Dear Evan Hansen** (August 16-28), with additional add-ons **Hairspray** (May 17-22) and **Freestyle Love Supreme** (June 7-12). For information on the full season lineup, dates, and venues, along with the recently announced 2022-23 season lineup, visit KimmelCulturalCampus.org.

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 250 S. Broad Street. See www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Academy of Music July 12 – 24, 2022

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We will always put the safety of our guests, artists, and staff first, and we have worked closely with partners, producers, artists, guests and other performing arts centers around the nation to develop the most comprehensive plan to safely reopen our doors. We are committing to a healthy and clean environment with increased disinfection, enhanced ventilation, and will enforce recommended health authority guidelines, including masks and proof of vaccination.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1-million guests per year and includes Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), the Academy of Music, and the Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) – representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet. The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the proud Kimmel Cultural Campus Season Sponsor. Read Kimmel Cultural Campus' vision statement, world view, and mission statement here. Learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it encompasses our mission, coworkers, and programs here.

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