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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CRITIC'S PICK! "Spectacular! LIFE OF PI delivers magic. That roaring you hear at the show's end? It's the sound of a standing ovation." – The New York Times

★★★★ "An extraordinary journey. Unmissable" - The Guardian

"SPECTACULAR AND SPELLBINDING!" -Wall Street Journal

"LIFE OF PI creates moment after moment of theatrical magic and thrills us with sheer emotion and awe." -New York Post

"A FEAST FOR THE EYES!" -Washington Post

"The single greatest innovation in puppetry ever to hit the global stage." -NY Daily News

"GLORIOUS! A DAZZLING MARVEL OF STAGECRAFT. THIS POWERFUL PRODUCTION SPARKS TO STUNNING LIFE." - Entertainment Weekly



LIFE OF PI

THREE-TIME TONY AWARD®-WINNING THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE COMES TO CLEVELAND, OH

# TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

# Playhouse Square January 7 – 26, 2025

Cleveland, OH (September 25, 2024) - Playhouse Square is pleased to announce that tickets for *LIFE OF PI*, the hit Broadway and West End sensation will go on sale Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for performances January 7 – 26, 2025. Tickets will be available online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. **LIFE OF PI** is part of the KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square.

**Lolita Chakrabarti's** dazzling Olivier and Tony Award®-winning stage adaption of *LIFE OF PI* embarks on another exciting adventure when it launches its North American Tour in Baltimore, Maryland in December 2024 at the Hippodrome Theatre. **City** is one of 22 cities on the tour where theatregoers can experience this extraordinary show.

Based on one of the best-loved works of fiction and the best-selling and Man Booker Prize-winning book (over 15 million copies sold) by author **Yann Martel**, *LIFE OF PI* is captivating audiences across the world.

**LIFE OF PI** is an unforgettable, epic tale and a breath-taking journey of endurance, hope and perseverance that speaks to every generation and "gives new life to Broadway" (*The Today Show*). The global phenomenon was lauded as "an exhilarating evening of theater" (*The Wall Street Journal*) and "a wonder to behold" (*Entertainment Weekly*).

After a cargo ship sinks in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, a sixteen-year-old boy name Pi is stranded on a lifeboat with four other survivors – a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan, and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger. Time is against them, nature is harsh, who will survive?

Told with jaw-dropping visuals, world class puppetry and exquisite stagecraft, the Broadway and West End sensation, *LIFE OF PI* creates a visually breathtaking journey that will leave you filled with awe and joy.

Martel's extraordinary story of family, resilience and survival and the natural world was made into an Oscar-winning film in 2012. This breath-taking theatrical adaptation is a natural evolution for the source, as it utilizes the communal power of live storytelling and imagination, two of the other central themes of the original novel.

**LIFE OF PI**, first opened to great critical acclaim with its cutting-edge visual effect at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield in 2019. **LIFE OF PI** played Wyndham's Theatre in London's West End where it won five Olivier Awards in 2022, including **Best New Play, Best Scenic Design** and **Best Lighting Design**. In a historic first for the Olivier Awards, the seven performers who play Royal Bengal tiger "Richard Parker" were collectively awarded "**Best Actor in a Supporting Role**."

LIFE OF PI made its Broadway premiere at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre on March 9, 2023 to celebratory reviews. won three Tony Awards for Best Scenic Design of a Play Best Lighting Design of a Play, and Best Sound Design of a Play, four Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Direction of a Play, Outstanding Scenic Design of a Play, Outstanding Projection and Video Design and Outstanding Puppetry and two Outer Critics Circle Awards for Outstanding Lighting Design of a Play or Musical and Outstanding Video or Projection Design of a Play or Musical.

Prior to its Broadway premiere, *LIFE OF PI* made its North American Premiere at the **American Repertory Theater** at Harvard University. Most recently, *LIFE OF PI* launched a UK & Ireland tour in the summer of 2023.

**LIFE OF PI** is part of the KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square and will play the Connor Palace for 24 performances, January 7 – 26, 2025. Show times are Tuesdays – Fridays at 7:30PM, Saturdays at 1:30 and 7:30PM, and Sundays at 1:00 and 6:30 PM. Tickets will be available beginning Thursday, September 26, at 10:00 a.m. and can be purchased online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call 216-640-8600.

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