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## Playhouse Square Announces 2023-2024 KeyBank Broadway Series



### North American tour of **BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE MUSICAL** to launch in Cleveland, multi-Tony Award® winning titles **MJ** and **COMPANY** to make stops

**Cleveland, OH** – (*March 28, 2023*) Playhouse Square announced this morning the seven shows to be featured on their upcoming 2023-2024 KeyBank Broadway Series. The highly anticipated annual announcement premiered on FOX8's New Day Cleveland, as well as the venue's social media platforms.

This year's lineup includes: **The Wiz** (October 3 -22, 2023), **The Girl From the North Country** (October 31 - November 19, 2023), **Mrs. Doubtfire** (January 9 – 28, 2024), **Funny Girl** (February 20 – March 10, 2024), **Company** (April 30 – May 19, 2024), **Back**

**to the Future: The Musical** (June 11 – July 7, 2024) and **MJ** (July 16 – August 11, 2024).

Among the many highlights of the season, Playhouse Square will host the official North American tour opening of **Back To The Future: The Musical**. The tour will launch in June 2024, less than 12 months after the show's Broadway opening, which is scheduled for August 2023. Based on the Universal Pictures/Amblin Entertainment film written by Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale, the musical is adapted for the stage by Bob Gale (*Back to the Future* trilogy) with original music and lyrics by multi-Grammy® winners Alan Silvestri (*Avengers: Endgame*) and Glen Ballard (Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror"), alongside hit songs from the movie including "The Power of Love," "Johnny B. Goode," "Earth Angel," and "Back in Time." It is directed by Tony Award®-winner John Rando with production design by multi-Tony and Olivier Award winner Tim Hatley.

Cleveland will also be one of the first cities in the country to experience a pre-Broadway stop of **The Wiz**, which will begin touring ahead of a limited Broadway run in the spring of 2024.

Playhouse Square is one of the premiere markets for touring Broadway in the country, with each show on the Series committed for at least a three-week run and more than 44,000 season ticket holders annually. No other Broadway venue in North America has a larger season ticket holder community than Playhouse Square.

Craig Hassall, president and CEO of Playhouse Square, credits loyal season ticket holders for the venue's status within the Broadway community and influence in bringing shows to Cleveland early in their tours.

"The passion for theater and knowledge of the industry rivals that of audiences anywhere in the world," states Hassall. "We want to continue to bring our guests the best shows and more opportunities to witness amazing performances on stage."

Season tickets for the 2023-2024 KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square are now available by phone at 216-640-8800 or online at [playhousesquare.org/broadway](https://playhousesquare.org/broadway). Season ticket plans range from \$160 - \$750 per seat, with monthly payment plans available.

The website [playhousesquare.org](https://playhousesquare.org) is the official online source for tickets to performances at Playhouse Square. Buying directly from Playhouse Square guarantees the authenticity of tickets.

**The 2023-2024 Key Bank Broadway Series Lineup Includes:**

## THE WIZ

October 3 – 22, 2023

[WizMusical.com](http://WizMusical.com)

This groundbreaking twist on The Wizard of Oz changed the face of Broadway—from its iconic score packed with soul, gospel, rock, and finger-snapping 70s funk to its stirring tale of Dorothy’s journey to find her place in a contemporary world. Audiences get to enjoy the epic grooves of such beloved, timeless hits as “Ease on Down the Road,” which became the show’s break-out single, and the bona fide classic “Home” in this spectacular revival.

Featuring a book by **William F. Brown** and a Tony Award-winning score by **Charlie Smalls** (and others), director **Schele Williams** (*The Notebook*, revival of Disney’s *Aida*), choreographer **JaQuel Knight** (Beyonce’s “Single Ladies”), **Amber Ruffin** (additional material), and **Joseph Joubert** (music supervision, orchestrations, & music arrangements) conjure up an Oz unlike anything ever seen before.

*The Wiz* design team will include scenic design by Academy Award-winning **Hannah Beachler** (*Black Panther*, Beyonce’s *Black is King* and *Lemonade*), costume design by Emmy Award-winning and two-time Academy Award-nominated **Sharen Davis** (*Ray*, *Dreamgirls*), lighting design by Barrymore Award-winning **Ryan J. O’Gara** (*Thoughts of a Colored Man*) and wig design by Academy Award-winning **Mia Neal** (*Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom*).

A dynamite infusion of ballet, jazz, and modern pop brings a whole new groove to easing on down the road. So everybody rejoice! An all-new 21st-Century *WIZ* is sliding into an Emerald city near you.

## GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY

October 31 – November 19, 2023

[NorthCountryTour.com](http://NorthCountryTour.com)

*Girl From the North Country* is the Tony Award-winning new musical that the *Chicago Tribune* declares is “a Broadway revelation!” It’s 1934 in Duluth, Minnesota. We meet a group of wayward travelers whose lives intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life and hope. Experience this ‘profoundly beautiful’ production (*The New York Times*) brought to vivid life by an extraordinary company of actors and musicians.

Written and directed by celebrated playwright Conor McPherson and featuring Tony Award-winning orchestrations by Simon Hale, *Girl From the North Country* reimagines 20 legendary songs of Bob Dylan as they’ve never been heard before, including “Forever Young,” “All Along The Watchtower,” “Hurricane,” “Slow Train Coming,” and “Like A Rolling Stone.”

## MRS. DOUBTFIRE

January 9 – 28, 2024

[MrsDoubtfireBroadway.com](http://MrsDoubtfireBroadway.com)

Everyone’s favorite Scottish nanny is headed to Cleveland in an internationally acclaimed new hit musical critics call “wonderful, heart-warming, and laugh-out-loud

funny” (*Manchester Evening News*) and “a feel-good, family-friendly comedy that delivers” (*The Hollywood Reporter*). Based on the beloved film and directed by four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks, *Mrs. Doubtfire* tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. It’s “the lovable, big-hearted musical comedy we need right now,” raves the *Chicago Tribune* – one that proves we’re better together.

## **FUNNY GIRL**

**February 20 – March 10, 2024**

[FunnyGirlOnBroadway.com](http://FunnyGirlOnBroadway.com)

WELCOME TO MUSICAL COMEDY HEAVEN! Featuring one of the greatest musical scores of all time, including classic songs “Don’t Rain On My Parade,” “I’m the Greatest Star,” and “People,” this letter to the theatre is the story of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told her she’d never be a star, but then something funny happened—she became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights of Broadway.

## **COMPANY**

**April 30 – May 19, 2024**

[CompanyMusical.com](http://CompanyMusical.com)

Winner of 5 Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical, *Company* “strikes like a lightning bolt. It’s brilliantly conceived and funny as hell.” (*Variety*). Helmed by three-time Tony Award-winning director Marianne Elliott (*War Horse*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Angels in America*) this revelatory new production of Stephen Sondheim and George Furth’s groundbreaking musical comedy, at once boldly sophisticated, deeply insightful, and downright hilarious.

It’s Bobbie’s 35th birthday party, and all her friends keep asking, Why isn’t she married? Why can’t she find the right man and isn’t it time to settle down and start a family? As Bobbie searches for answers, she discovers why being single, being married, and being alive in the 21st-century could drive a person crazy.

*Company* features Sondheim’s award-winning songs *You Could Drive a Person Crazy*, *The Ladies Who Lunch*, *Side by Side by Side* and the iconic *Being Alive*. Let’s all drink to that!

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE: THE MUSICAL**

**June 11 – July 7, 2024**

[BackToTheFutureMusical.com](http://BackToTheFutureMusical.com)

Great Scott! *Back to the Future*, the beloved, cinematic classic is now a Broadway musical with its destination set for Cleveland in 2024. When Marty McFly finds himself transported back to 1955 in a time machine built by the eccentric scientist Doc Brown, he accidentally changes the course of history. Now he’s in a race against time to fix the

present, escape the past, and send himself... back to the future. Winner of the 2022 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, when *Back to the Future* hits 88mph, it'll change musical theater history forever.

**MJ**

**July 16 – August 11, 2024**

[Tour.MJTheMusical.com](https://www.tour.mjthemusical.com)

The music. The moves. The icon. Now, the unparalleled artistry of the greatest entertainer of all time comes to Cleveland as *MJ*, the multi Tony Award®-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour, begins a tour of its own. Created by Tony Award®-winning Director/Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage, *MJ* goes beyond the singular moves and signature sound of the star, offering a rare look at the creative mind and collaborative spirit that catapulted Michael Jackson into legendary status. *MJ* is startin' somethin' as it makes its Cleveland premiere at Playhouse Square in the summer of 2024.

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Media assets for each of the new season titles are available [HERE](#)

For further questions or to arrange an interview with Playhouse Square staff; please contact Stephanie Keefer at [stephanie.keefer@playhousesquare.org](mailto:stephanie.keefer@playhousesquare.org) or 216-640-8654 to schedule.

*Playhouse Square, home to the largest Broadway season ticket holder community in North America, is Northeast Ohio's destination for entertainment. A not-for-profit performing arts center, Playhouse Square is a champion of arts education and downtown Cleveland, and proud to be the home of Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland International Film Festival, Cleveland Play House, Cleveland State University Department of Theatre and Dance, DANCECleveland, Great Lakes Theater and Tri-C JazzFest.*