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## Tickets on sale July 15<sup>th</sup> for two beloved favorites returning to Playhouse Square this fall



**Cleveland, OH** – (*July 15, 2024*) Playhouse Square announced today that tickets to **Les** *Misérables* and *Mean Girls* will be available for purchase beginning Monday, July 15, 2024. Tickets can be purchased by calling 216-241-6000 or online at <u>playhousesquare.org</u>. Both shows are Huntington Featured Performances at Playhouse Square.

Cameron Mackintosh's acclaimed production of Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg's Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon, *LES MISÉRABLES* returns to Playhouse Square September 18 – 22, 2024.

Cameron Mackintosh said, "The phenomenon of *Les Misérables* never fails to astound me. No show in history has been able to continually reinvent itself and remain a contemporary musical attracting new generations of brilliant new talent, many of whom go on to international stardom. No show in the world has ever demonstrated the survival of the human spirit better than *Les Miz*, and it's time to let the people sing again. We are all thrilled to be Bringing Her Home to you."

Set against the backdrop of 19<sup>th</sup> century France, *LES MISÉRABLES* tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. This epic and uplifting story has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history.

Boublil & Schönberg's magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear The People Sing?," "One Day More," "Master of the House" and many more. Seen by over 130 million people worldwide in 53 countries, 438 cities and 22 languages, *LES MISÉRABLES* is undisputedly still one of the world's most popular musicals.

To date, LES MISÉRABLES remains the 6th longest-running Broadway production of all time.

Since Cameron Mackintosh first conceived this acclaimed new production of *LES MISÉRABLES* in 2009 to celebrate the show's 25th anniversary, it has taken the world by storm continuing to enjoy record-breaking runs in countries including North America, Australia, Japan, France, and Spain. It is currently on stage in London's West End with a new tour of Japan in 2024. The most recent North American production toured from 2017 to March 2020, playing 94 engagements until the production was halted due to the global pandemic.

Cameron Mackintosh's production of *LES MISÉRABLES* is written by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg and is based on the novel by Victor Hugo. It has music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer and original French text by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel, additional material by James Fenton and adaptation by Trevor Nunn and John Caird. Orchestrations are by Stephen Metcalfe, Christopher Jahnke and Stephen Brooker with original orchestrations by John Cameron. The production is directed by James Powell and Laurence Connor, designed by Matt Kinley inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, with costumes by Andreane Neofitou, additional costume designs by Christine Rowland and Paul Wills, lighting by Paule Constable, sound by Mick Potter, projections realized by Finn Ross, Jonathon Lyle and Fifty Nine Productions, musical staging by Geoffrey Garratt, music supervision by Stephen Brooker and James Moore, and casting by Tara Rubin Casting.

Les Misérables is a Huntington Featured Performance, playing the Connor Palace at Playhouse Square for eight performances, September 18 - 22, 2024. Show times are Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. Group orders of 15 or more may be placed by calling 216-640-8600.

*Mean Girls*—the record-breaking new musical comedy adapted from the hit Paramount Pictures film – arrives October 29 through November 3, 2024. *Mean Girls* features a book by nine-time Emmy Award® winner **Tina Fey**, based on her screenplay for the film; music by threetime Emmy Award® winner **Jeff Richmond**; lyrics by two-time Tony Award® nominee **Nell Benjamin**; and original direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award® winner **Casey Nicholaw**.

*Mean Girls* opened on Broadway in April 2018 to rave reviews at the **August Wilson Theatre**, following its world premiere at the **National Theatre** in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2017.

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung. New York Magazine calls *Mean Girls* "HILARIOUS! A smart, splashy new musical that delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." Chicago Tribune said, "Tina Fey writes FUNNIER, SMARTER, SHARPER satire than anyone else in the business." People Magazine calls the show "FRESH, FUN AND INFECTIOUS – Jeff Richmond and Nell Benjamin's songs keep the laughs coming!" The New York Daily News said *Mean Girls* "TICKLES THE EARS, EYES AND FUNNY BONE – the direction by Casey Nicholaw packs style, invention and red bull-force energy." And Entertainment Weekly calls it "A MARVEL: DAZZLING & HILARIOUS!"

*Mean Girls (Original Broadway Cast Recording)*, produced by **Atlantic Records**, is now available.

*Mean Girls* is a Huntington Featured Performance, playing the KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square for eight performances, October 29 - November 3, 2024. Show times are Tuesday - Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at <u>playhousesquare.org</u> or by calling 216-241-6000. Group orders of 15 or more may be placed by calling 216-640-8600.

Tickets for the Huntington Featured Performances of *Peter Pan* (April 8- 13, 2025) and *Hamilton* (June 17- July 6, 2025) will go on sale closer to those performances. Those on sale dates will be announced at a later time.

For more information on the 2024 - 2025 Huntington Featured Performances please visit <u>playhousesquare.org.</u>

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