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MEMORIAL HERMANN BROADWAY AT THE HOBBY CENTER'S 2022-2023 SEASON FEATURES FIVE HOUSTON PREMIERES INCLUDING TEN-TIME TONY AWARD[®] WINNER MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL

Houston, TX – Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center's sensational 2022-2023 Season features five Houston premieres and Tony Award[®] winners including the Broadway mega-sensation **Harper Lee's TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** and the music phenomenon **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** 50th Anniversary national tour. Also, the new original musical and global sensation **SIX**, one of the most beloved romantic stories of all time, **PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL**, Tony Award[®] winner for Best Musical **MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL** where the revolutionary film comes to life onstage, and the new smash-hit **AIN'T TOO PROUD** that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey. Finally, Houston's most "popular" musical **WICKED** returns as a 2022-2023 Season Option.

"What a joy it has been to come back to the pure magic of a communal live theater experience," said Rob Doty, Board Chairman, The Hobby Center Foundation. "As I sat in the audience with my fellow Houstonians and theatergoers, we were reminded of what we had been missing and now we look forward to what new experiences we will have together again with the 2022-2023 season of Broadway. So new in fact, that five of the shows arrive in Houston for the first time. I hope you are as equally excited for your season as we are to share it with you!"

Beginning Friday, April 15, current 2021-2022 Subscribers will have first access to tickets when they renew their subscription for the 2022-2023 Season. **The renewal deadline for current subscribers is Friday, May 13, 2022.** Current subscribers must renew their existing seats for the opportunity to change or upgrade their locations this summer.

The spectacular Broadway at the Hobby Center 2022-2023 Season features seven amazing productions from November 2022 to August 2023. The six-show package includes:

BROADWAY AT THE HOBBY CENTER 2022-2023 SEASON

SIX November 8–20, 2022

"A EUPHORIC CELEBRATION!" Entertainment Weekly

Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the *Six* wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an exuberant celebration of 21st century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over. *The New York Times* says *Six* "TOTALLY RULES!" (Critic's Pick) and *The Washington Post* hails *Six* as "Exactly the kind of energizing, inspirational illumination this town aches for! The Broadway season got supercharged!"

PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL January 3-8, 2023

"IRRESTISTABLE! A ROMANTIC FANTASY, A CONTEMPORARY FAIRY TALE." The Hollywood Reporter

Pretty Woman: The Musical, based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award[®]-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray, Kinky Boots, Legally Blonde*).

Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, *Pretty Woman: The Musical* features an original score by Grammy[®] winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ("Summer of '69", "Heaven"), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. *Pretty Woman: The Musical* will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (*BuzzFeed News*).

Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR January 17-22, 2023

"A gorgeous, thrilling, heavenly musical." – The Guardian

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a new mesmerizing production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Originally staged by London's Regent's Park Open Air Theatre and helmed by the acclaimed director **Timothy Sheader** (*Crazy for You, Into the Woods*) and cutting-edge choreographer **Drew McOnie** (*King Kong, Strictly Ballroom*), this production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival garnering unprecedented reviews and accolades. Appealing to both theater audiences and concert music fans, this production pays tribute to the historic 1971 Billboard Album of the Year while creating a modern, theatrical world that is uniquely fresh and inspiring.

With lyrics and music by Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony winners **Tim Rice** and **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, *Jesus Christ Superstar* is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and 'Superstar'.

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL February 22-March 12, 2023

"Euphoric. Gasp-inducing. Forbidden pleasures abound in this SPECTACULAR musical. In 'Moulin Rouge,' life is beautiful." -Ben Brantley, New York Times

Pop the champagne, *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is the winner of 10 Tony Awards[®] — including Best Musical!

Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory! A world where Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows and revel in electrifying enchantment. Welcome to *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*! Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza. Directed by Tony Award[®] winner Alex Timbers, *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is a theatrical celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom, and — above all — Love. With a book by Tony Award[®] winner John Logan; music supervision, orchestrations, and arrangements by Tony Award[®] winner Justin Levine; and choreography by Tony Award[®] winner Sonya Tayeh, *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is more than a musical — it is a state of mind.

Harper Lee's TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD April 25-30, 2023

"Majestic and incandescent, this 'Mockingbird' is filled with breath and nuance and soul. This is a phenomenon." - Sara Holdren, New York Magazine

All rise for Academy Award[®] winner Aaron Sorkin's adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork. *The New York Times* Critic's Pick **To Kill A Mockingbird** is "the most successful American play in Broadway history." (*60 Minutes*). *Rolling Stone* gives it 5 stars, calling it "an emotionally shattering landmark production of an American classic," and *New York Magazine* calls it "a real phenomenon. Majestic and incandescent, it's filled with breath and nuance and soul." With direction by Tony Award[®] winner Bartlett Sher, **To Kill A Mockingbird** — "the greatest novel of all time" (*Chicago Tribune*) — has quickly become "one of the greatest plays in history" (NPR). Emmy Award[®]-winning actor Richard Thomas will play the role of Atticus Finch in the National Tour.

AINT TOO PROUD: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE TEMPTATIONS August 8-13, 2023

"AN ELECTRIFYING MUSICAL." The Washington Post

Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations is the electrifying new smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Nominated for 12 Tony[®] Awards and the winner of the 2019 Tony Award for Best Choreography, it's a thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal during a decade of civil unrest in America. Set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," and

"Papa Was a Rolling Stone," *Ain't Too Proud* tells the unforgettable story of the legendary quintet that Billboard Magazine named the greatest R&B group of all time.

SEASON OPTION (Add To Your 6 Show Season Package)

WICKED May 31-July 2, 2023

So much happened before Dorothy dropped in.

Wicked, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin-smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, *Wicked* –the untold true story of the Witches of Oz–transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story that USA Today cheers is "a complete triumph! An original musical that will make you laugh, cry, and think."

CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS CAN RENEW NOW!

At this time, 2022-2023 Season Packages are only available to current, renewing Subscribers. Renewing Subscribers keep the same subscription seats for the 2022-23 season including SIX, PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, and AIN'T TOO PROUD with access to add WICKED as a Season Option.

Buy with confidence. In the event of cancelation, postponement or rescheduling of a performance for any reason, the value of the subscriber's ticket is safe. Learn more at <u>BroadwayAtTheHobbyCenter.org</u>.

New patrons are encouraged to sign up for the official waiting list at <u>BroadwayAtTheHobbyCenter.com</u>, and will be notified once new subscriptions become available.

2022-2023 Season Packages can be renewed:

- Online at BroadwayAtTheHobbyCenter.com 24 hours a day
- By calling (800) 952-6560; Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CST through the Friday, May 13, 2022 renewal deadline
- By visiting the Hobby Center Box Office at 800 Bagby Street; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday
- Prices start at \$245 for a six-show package

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where Broadway is presented.

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