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BROADWAY'S RECORD-BREAKING, TONY AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL SMASH



CELEBRATES 25 RAZZLE DAZZLE YEARS!

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR OF CHICAGO IS COMING TO MADISON MARCH 21-26

Madison, Wis. (March 7, 2023) — **CHICAGO is BACK IN TOWN** and after 25 years, <u>CHICAGO</u> is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz, with one show stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. CHICAGO is celebrating with the 25th Anniversary Tour that arrives in Madison, Wis. from Tuesday, March 21 through Sunday, March 26 in Overture Hall. Tickets are available at <u>overture.org</u>.

The cast of **CHICAGO** features **Katie Frieden** as Roxie Hart, **Logan Floyd** as Velma Kelly, **Jeff Brooks** as Billy Flynn, **Christina Wells** as Matron "Mama" Morton, **Brian Kalinowski** as Amos Hart and **G.A. James** as Mary Sunshine.

The cast also includes Michelle Attardo, Lincoln Belford, Cate Benioff, Megan Campbell, Tony Carrubba, Jess DiForte, Robert "Shapiro" Garris, Ed Gotthelf, Jasmine Janae, Tal Kedem, Liz Lester, Chase McFadden, Sammy Tuchman, Asher Van Meter, Evy Vaughan and James Vessell.

Produced by Apex Touring, **CHICAGO** is the winner of six 1997 Tony Awards[®] including Best Musical Revival and the Grammy Award[®] for Best Musical Cast Recording.

Re-creation of the Original Production Direction by **Tânia Nardini.** Re-creation of the Original Production Choreography by **Gary Chryst**. Original Direction by Tony Award[®] winner **Walter Bobbie** and original choreography in the style of Bob Fosse by Tony Award[®] winner **Ann Reinking. CHICAGO** features set design by Tony Award[®] winner **John Lee Beatty**, costume design by Tony Award[®] winner **William Ivey Long**, lighting design by Tony Award[®] winner **Ken Billington**, sound design by **Scott Lehrer.** Supervising Music Director **Robert Billig** with Orchestrations by **Ralph Burns** and Music Direction by **Cameron Blake Kinnear**. Casting by **Stewart/Whitley**.

With a legendary book by **Fred Ebb** and **Bob Fosse**, music by **John Kander** and lyrics by **Fred Ebb**, **CHICAGO** is the #1 longest-running American musical in Broadway history -- and it still shows no sign of ever slowing down!

There's never been a better time to experience **CHICAGO**, Broadway's razzle-dazzle smash. This triumphant hit musical is the recipient of 6 Tony Awards[®], 2 Olivier Awards, a Grammy[®], and thousands of standing ovations. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary — you've got to come see why the name on everyone's lips is still... **CHICAGO**.

Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, **CHICAGO** is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today's tabloids.

It's no surprise that **CHICAGO** has wowed audiences from Mexico City to Moscow, from Sao Paulo to South Africa. Over the last 25 years, the show has been seen in 36 different countries and seen by 33 million people worldwide and now it's coming to your town!

Whether you're looking for your first Broadway musical, whether you've seen the Academy Award[®]winning film and want to experience the show live on stage or whether you've seen it before and want to recapture the magic, **CHICAGO** always delivers!

CHICAGO is a production not to be missed. And all the reviewers agree. Time Magazine calls it "A Triumph," Newsweek raves "Smashing" and Entertainment Weekly sums it up by calling **CHICAGO** "Broadway's Most Electrifying Show." Come on, babe! Head to **CHICAGO!** We're hotter than ever.

APEX TOURING (*Producer***).** Highlighting their sixth tour season with recent national tours of *Summer, The Donna Summer Musical, Once* and *Finding Neverland*. They were honored to be the first company to bring a live production to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Middle East with the international tour of *The Wizard of Oz* which also performed across China. APEX produced the 2018 tour of *Cabaret* and 2017 tour of *Pippin*. APEX has been created to serve the ever-expanding need for high quality, Broadway caliber touring productions around the world. Relying on the steady producing skills of its affiliates, APEX looks forward to many years of producing Broadway's brightest new shows.

For Casting, Tour Dates and more CHICAGO information: www.ChicagoOnTour.com

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OVERTURE CENTER FOR THE ARTS in Madison, Wis., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that features seven state-of-the-art performance spaces and four galleries where national and international touring artists, nine resident companies and hundreds of local artists engage people in nearly 700,000 educational and artistic experiences each year. With the vision to provide "Extraordinary Experiences for All," Overture's mission is to support and elevate our community's creative culture, economy and quality of life through the arts. <u>overture.org</u>

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