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Experience Carole King's Legacy and Life Story Featuring Her Iconic Hits with "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" at The Phoenix Theatre Company

(February 28, 2024 – PHOENIX) The Phoenix Theatre Company is proud to showcase the musical genius and pioneering spirit of Carole King with the production of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." The show highlights King's ascent as one of the most influential female songwriters and performers of the 20th century. The show will run from March 6 to April 28, 2024, on The Phoenix Theatre Company's main stage.

Carole King's journey from a Brooklyn teenager to a Grammy Award-winning music legend is at the heart of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical." This production delves into her personal trials as well as her remarkable career, featuring an wide array of her groundbreaking hits such as "I Feel the Earth Move," "One Fine Day," "You've Got a Friend," and the iconic "Natural Woman." Through her music, King not only defined a generation but also blazed a trail for women in the music industry, breaking barriers and setting new standards.

"From the first time I saw the musical 'Beautiful,' I was so impressed with it. The show itself in beautifully constructed. In addition, we as an audience as audience members, are taken on a journey through her music where we witness not only her unparalleled talent but also her unwavering resiliency in the face of adversity," said Michael Barnard, Producing Artistic Director of The Phoenix Theatre Company and director of the production. "My goal is to honor her legacy and inspire audiences to learn more about the woman behind the music."

The production offers a riveting look into how Carole King found her voice and paved the way for future generations of female musicians and songwriters.

The cast for "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" at The Phoenix Theatre Company includes Justin Albinder*, Ryan Ardelt, Matravius Avent*, Sally Jo Bannow*, Elyssa Blonder, Jacqueline Castillo, Maya Christian*, Hahnna Christianson*, Caelan Creaser*, Sade Crosby, Naysh Fox*, Chafik Jay, D'Mariel*, Josh

Pike, Gabrielle Francine Smith, Nate Summers*, and D. Scott Withers*. The understudy cast includes Jena Allen, Shani Barrett, Brett Hennessey Jones, Teddy Ladley, and Crystal Renée Wright.

Tickets for "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" are on sale now and start at \$55. To purchase, call (602) 254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

Select Mask Required Performances

To provide a production to those who would feel more comfortable in a fully masked environment, we have designated a select upcoming performance of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" as "Mask Required," on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. During these performances, masks will be required for all patrons and staff in our lobbies and theatres unless actively eating/drinking. Food and drinks will be allowed in the theatre. We ask that the mask be placed back on between bites or sips. Proof of vaccination and temperature checks will not be required.

ASL/Audio Describe Night

Audio Description and American Sign Language Interpretation are available for each production. ASL/Audio Describe Night for "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" is March 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

**Denotes members of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers.*

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ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

The Phoenix Theatre Company is not only the largest professional regional theatre company in the state, with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages, but it's also the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District. Committed to advancing the performing arts in the Valley, The Phoenix Theatre Company's mission is to create exceptional theatrical experiences that inspire hope and understanding. For more information about our upcoming shows, outreach programs, and more, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.