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2013 TONY® AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

Kinky Boots

IS COMING TO MADISON - OPENING TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

Madison, Wis. - *Kinky Boots*, the smash-hit musical that brings together four-time Tony® Award-winner **Harvey Fierstein** (book) and Grammy® Award-winning rock icon **Cyndi Lauper** (Tony Award-winner for Best Score for *Kinky Boots*), opens at Overture Center for the Arts on Tuesday, July 12, and runs through Sunday, July 17.

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award-winner **Jerry Mitchell**, *Kinky Boots* has won every major Best Musical Award and is represented around the world with the Tony Award-winning Broadway company now in its fourth year, a North American First National Tour that launched in September 2014, and a London production that opened in September 2015 (where it recently won the 2016 Olivier Award for Best Musical). Upcoming productions include a Japanese production opening in July 2016 and a Melbourne production opening in October 2016. Previous productions include extended runs in Toronto and Korea, where a return engagement is planned for 2016. The Grammy Award-winning Original Broadway Cast Recording of *Kinky Boots* is available on Sony Masterworks Broadway.

Kinky Boots took home six 2013 Tony Awards, the most of any show in the season, including Best Musical, Best Score (Cyndi Lauper), Best Choreography (Jerry Mitchell), Best Orchestrations (Stephen Oremus) and Best Sound Design (John Shivers). The show also received the Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Broadway.com Awards for Best Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Album, along with many other accolades.

Inspired by true events, *Kinky Boots* takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

J. Harrison Ghee is kicking up his heels as Lola. Ghee understudied the role of Lola during the first year of the tour and was the Assistant Dance Captain. **Adam Kaplan** (*Newsies*, *Showboat*) stars as shoe factory owner Charlie Price. Ghee and Kaplan are joined by **Tiffany Engen** (*Legally Blonde*) as Lauren, **Aaron Walpole** (*Les Miserables*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*) as Don, **Charissa Hogeland** (*Heathers The Musical*) as Nicola, **Jim J. Bullock** (*Hairspray*, "Too Close for Comfort") as George and **E. Clayton Cornelious** (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*) as the Standby for Lola.

Rounding out the ensemble are **Zach Adkins, Joe Beauregard, Meryn Beckett, Damien Brett, Jayden Brown, Joseph Anthony Byrd, Sam Dowling, Alex Dreschke, Annie Edgerton, Jhazz Fleming, Shawna M. Hamic, Patty Lohr, Hudson Loverro, Ellen Marlow, Michael Milkanin, Ashley Moniz, Jennifer Noble, Aidan Passaro, JP Qualters, Xavier Reyes, Horace V. Rogers, Sam Rohloff, Tom Souhrada, Josh Tolle, and Sam Zeller.**

The creative team for ***Kinky Boots*** includes Tony® Award nominee David Rockwell (Scenic Design), Tony® Award-winner Gregg Barnes (Costume Design), Tony Award-winner Kenneth Posner (Lighting Design), Tony® Award-winner John Shivers (Sound Design), Josh Marquette (Hair Design), Randy Houston Mercer (Make-up Design), Telsey + Company, Justin Huff, CSA (Casting), DB Bonds (Associate Director) and Rusty Mowery (Associate Choreographer). ***Kinky Boots*** features Musical Direction by Ryan Fielding Garrett, and Musical Supervision, Arrangements and Orchestrations by Tony and Grammy Award-winner Stephen Oremus.

Tickets can be purchased at overturecenter.org, in person at the ticket office or by phone at 608.258.4141. A group discount for groups of ten or more is also available by calling 608.258.4159.

Kinky Boots is presented by Overture Center and Broadway Across America as part of the Broadway Series, with support from Community Partner Rare Steakhouse.

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Kinky Boots is produced on Broadway and on tour by Daryl Roth and Hal Luftig, James L. Nederlander, Terry Allen Kramer, Independent Presenters Network, CJ E&M, Jayne Baron Sherman, Just for Laughs Theatricals/Judith Ann Abrams, Yasuhiro Kawana, Jane Bergere, Allan S. Gordon & Adam S. Gordon, Ken Davenport, Hunter Arnold, Lucy and Phil Suarez, Bryan Bantry, Ron Fierstein and Dorsey Regal, Jim Kierstead/Gregory Rae, BB Group/Christina Papagjika, Michael DeSantis/Patrick Baugh, Brian Smith/Tom and Connie Walsh, Warren Trepp and Jujamcyn Theaters. www.kinkybootsthemusical.com

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