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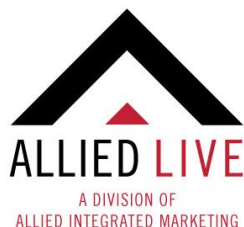
TONY® AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL



RETURNS TO PHILADELPHIA

OPENING OCTOBER 3, 2017 ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS

Back by popular demand, *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 the Academy of Music on Tuesday, October 3 and runs through Sunday, October 8, 2017.



“We are thrilled to welcome the Tony-Award winning musical *Kinky Boots* back to Philadelphia,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The show’s powerful themes of acceptance and perseverance blended with high energy music make this a not-to-be-missed opener for our 2017-18 Broadway Philadelphia season.”

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award-winner **Jerry Mitchell**, *Kinky Boots* has won every major Best Musical Award. It 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, a London production that opened in September 2015 (where it won the 2016 Olivier Award for Best Musical) and a Japanese production that opened in July 2016. A Melbourne production opened 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.

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.

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.



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