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Philadelphia's Lulus are sweet as pie! @WaitressMusical cast two local child actresses to play Lulu at @KimmelCenter premiere – 2/13-2/18. #WaitressMusical #BWYPHL

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TWO YOUNG LOCAL ACTRESSES CAST AS “LULU” IN PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE OF TONY® NOMINATED MUSICAL *WAITRESS*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 7, 2018) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is thrilled to announce that the “Search for Lulu” is officially over. Two young local actresses, five year old **Mia Stein** and four year old **Kimberly Tobin**, have been cast to play the role of “Lulu” during the Philadelphia engagement of the Tony® nominated musical, ***WAITRESS***. ***WAITRESS*** tells the story of “Jenna”, an expert pie baker working at a local diner and stuck in a loveless marriage. Her salvation comes in the form of her daughter, Lulu, a sweet and carefree four to five-year old.

Stein and Tobin were chosen following a local casting call on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, led by the tour’s associate director Susanna Wolk. The actresses will split the Lulu duties, each performing in four shows during the premiere engagement of ***WAITRESS***’ eight performance run at the Forrest Theatre, Tuesday, February 13 through Sunday, February 18.

Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy®- nominee Sara Bareilles (“Brave,” “Love Song”), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson (“*I Am Sam*”), and direction by Tony®- Award winner Diane Paulus (*Finding Neverland*, *Pippin*, *Hair*).

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Inspired by Adrienne Shelley's beloved film, **WAITRESS** tells the story of Jenna – a waitress and expert pie maker, who dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life.

"It's an empowering musical of the highest order!" raves the *Chicago Tribune*. "**WAITRESS** is a little slice of heaven!" says *Entertainment Weekly* and "a monumental contribution to Broadway!" according to *Marie Claire*. Don't miss this uplifting musical celebrating friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie.

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Forrest Theatre

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, February 16, 2018, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 17, 2018, 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$62.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (800) 447-7400, visiting telecharge.com, or at the Forrest Theatre Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (800) 432-7780 or on broadwayinbound.com. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

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The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts

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education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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