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6th Street Playhouse to Host Stars from National Tour of *Aladdin* for Benefit Concert

SANTA ROSA, CA (November 27, 2017) 6SP will host cast members of the National Tour of Disney's *Aladdin* for a one-night-only benefit event. Fourteen performers will take the stage on Monday, December 11, singing their favorite tunes from Broadway and beyond. Confirmed talent so far includes: Jonathan Weir (Jafar), with credits including Broadway: Disney's *The Lion King* (*Scar/Pumba*), Reggie De Leon (Iago) with credits including Broadway: *Aladdin*, and Mike Longo (Kassim) with credits including Broadway: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* & National Tours: *Kinky Boots* (Harry).

Education Associate Lennie Dean had reached out to her old college classmate, Jonathan Weir, one day when she learned he would be in San Francisco for the National Tour of *Aladdin*. According to Dean, "This company jumped at the chance to help the Playhouse during these difficult financial times exacerbated by the recent North Bay fires. We are so fortunate to have this group of talented actors providing such a special one-night only benefit concert at 6th Street and are very excited for our audiences to get to experience this."

Doors open at 6 pm for no-host concessions with the concert at 7 pm. Complimentary dessert will be served during intermission. After the show there will be a moderated discussion with the cast in the theatre followed by a champagne reception in the lobby.

An *Aladdin* poster signed by the entire cast, two tickets to the touring show and other goodies will be raffled off. Funds raised from this event will go toward mitigating the significant loss of revenue from cancelled shows, performances, educational programs and light attendance resulting from the October fires.

Tickets for the event are \$55 and available online, by phone at (707) 523-4185 ext 1 or at the box office Tuesday – Friday 1 pm – 4 pm, Saturday 11 – 2 pm and one hour before performances.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Performers' Unions: Actors' Equity Association, American Guild of Musical Artists, American Guild Of Variety Artists, and Sag-Aftra, through Theatre Authority, Inc. for their cooperation in permitting the Artists to appear in this program.



Jonathan Weir



Reggie De Leon



Mike Longo

About 6th Street Playhouse

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6th Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6th Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6th Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

Award-Winning

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last six consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last four out of five years. The Playhouse was named "Theatre of the Year" by Broadway World San Francisco 2012-2014.

In 2012 Playhouse Artistic Director, Craig A. Miller, was named one of Sonoma County's "Forty Under 40" by the North Bay Business Journal, honoring the County's forty most influential people in their field under the age of 40.

In the last five years, 6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA). Of those nominations, The Playhouse received six awards at the 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Ensemble for our production of *Red*, and Best Leading Male and Female Actors for *The Rocky Horror Show*.

In our 2013/14 Season, the musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* swept the SFBATCC Awards, taking home wins in all four of its nominated categories; winning a total six awards for the season, which was highlighted in *American Theatre Magazine*.

In 2015, the Playhouse took home three awards at the Theater Bay Area Awards for Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Actress, and Best Production for *Clybourne Park*.