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## Waitress Serves Up Delicious Recipes for Love, Life, and Pie at The Phoenix Theatre Company

(September 17, 2024 – PHOENIX) The Phoenix Theatre Company invites audiences to enjoy a heartwarming story of love, hope, and second chances with "Waitress," the hit musical from Grammy® Award-winning singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles. Opening Sept. 25, 2024, and running through Nov. 24, 2024, in the Hormel Theatre.

"Waitress" follows Jenna Hunterson, a talented pie maker trapped in a loveless and toxic marriage, who faces an unexpected pregnancy. When a local baking contest presents a glimmer of hope for a fresh start, Jenna sets out on a journey of self-discovery. With the support of her quirky friends and a dash of new romance, Jenna begins to find joy in the small things and finds the courage to pursue a better life.

"Waitress,' is a heartwarming celebration of love in all its forms: romantic, platonic, familial, and self-love," says director Chanel Bragg. "Jenna's journey reminds us that even in the chaos of life, love is the ingredient that sweetens every story. By embracing both the beautiful and the messy parts of life, we grow, heal, and discover that love and hope can come from the most unlikely places."

Prepare to be whisked away with this delectable celebration of friendship, motherhood, and the empowering courage to follow your dreams.

The cast for "Waitress" at The Phoenix Theatre Company includes Liam Boyd, Evan Ross Brody, Cassie Chilton\*, Joseph Paul Cavazos\*, T'Arica Crawford\*, Stella Quinn Craig, Chanel Edwards-Frederick\*, Gina Guarino, Teddy Ladley\*, Mike Lawler\*, Eddie Maldonado\*, Charlie McCormack, Melissa Modifer\*, Caleb Reese\*, Bonnie Beus Romney\*, Meggie Siegrist\*, and Shonn Wiley\*. The understudy cast includes Beaux Mali, Tre Moore, Scott Schmelder, and McKaylee Todd.

Tickets for "Waitress" are on sale now and start at \$59. To purchase, call (602) 254-2151 or visit <a href="https://www.phoenixtheatre.com">www.phoenixtheatre.com</a>.

## **ASL/Audio Describe Night**

Audio Description and American Sign Language Interpretation are available for each production. ASL/Audio Describe Night for "Waitress" is Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm

\*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 <a href="https://www.phoenixtheatre.com">www.phoenixtheatre.com</a>.