

Musical Feels Like a Highlight Reel and Honors Greatest Living Broadway Composer

(Feb. 7, 2020 – PHOENIX) Part revue, part personal memoir, anyone who enjoys a classic Broadway musical will enjoy *Sondheim on Sondheim's* rousing collection of Sondheim favorites. With surprise hidden gems and beloved classics, audiences learn why Stephen Sondheim has earned the title of Broadway's greatest living composer. Personal performances by an ensemble cast and taped commentary from Sondheim himself remind audiences why live theatre is such an engaging and captivating experience. *Sondheim on Sondheim* is on stage at The Phoenix Theatre Company, Feb. 26 through April 5, 2020.

Set in the intimate Harges Theatre on the campus of The Phoenix Theatre Company, *Sondheim on Sondheim* incorporates personal stories, photos and documentary-style video interviews with Sondheim himself. A winning ensemble cast perform the best of his rich musical catalogue. Audiences are treated to stories behind the music. Told with Sondheim's trademark directness, recorded video adds dimension to the songs, providing insight into the process of songwriting necessary for Broadway hits.

"In creating this show, I wanted the audience to feel like they've been sitting in Sondheim's living room, chatting with him personally," said Director, Robert Kolby Harper. "The show is designed to feel like a salon performance; very small and almost private. There's so much to work with in *Sondheim on Sondheim*, the songs are big and sturdy and accessible, but still very challenging."

The one-of-a-kind show features a tour through Sondheim's catalogue from the man himself, including more than 50 years of music and lyrics by the Tony Award-winning composer-lyricist. His best-known works include *West Side Story*, *Into the Woods* and *Sweeney Todd*. Sondheim's countless Broadway masterpieces have earned him a permanent spot in history the greatest American musical composer. Fans of musical theatre will not want to miss this funny, affectionate and eye-opening tribute to the musical theatre genius and his unparalleled work.

The cast set to perform Sondheim's classics includes Rusty Ferracane, Jonathan Hoover, Brandon Brown, Amy Halliday, Merissa Haddad and Kathlynn Rodin, all of whom are well-known and popular performers in the Valley.

Tickets are on sale now and start at just \$32. To purchase by phone, call (602) 254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

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ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in Arizona. As the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District, The Phoenix Theatre Company is committed to advancing performing arts in the Valley with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages. Located at 1825 N. Central Ave in Phoenix, The Phoenix Theatre Company's mission is to create exceptional experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. The Phoenix Theatre Company is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary. For more information, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

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