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Holiday Spirit is Alive at The Phoenix Theatre Company

Introducing UNWRAPPED, an electrifying, festive holiday experience for audiences of all ages

(PHOENIX— Nov. 19, 2020) The Phoenix Theatre Company is giving audiences a reason to celebrate this holiday season with *UNWRAPPED: An Original Christmas Revue* opening Dec. 2.

Set in the theatre's newly built, socially distanced outdoor venue, *UNWRAPPED* includes unique arrangements of contemporary hits and holiday classics reimagined with a rock 'n' roll twist. The set list includes NSYNC's *Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays*, Pentatonix's *Winter Wonderland/Don't Worry, Be Happy*, and original arrangements of many other recognizable holiday favorites. All season long, the outdoor theatre will also be a visual wonderland aglow with holiday decorations and a captivating light show created by The Phoenix Theatre Company lighting designers.

"This year, the holiday season is going to look different for most families and businesses as we continue to adapt to the ongoing pandemic," said Robert Kolby Harper, associate artistic director at The Phoenix Theatre Company. "Arts organizations are working hard to think outside the box to put Valley residents in a festive spirit while stringently following state and local COVID-19 protocol. Our new outdoor theatre has given us the ability to get back to doing what we love most – putting on high-quality live performances – especially for our beloved patrons who are hungry for any semblance of tradition and normalcy this year."

UNWRAPPED is a collaboration between The Phoenix Theatre Company and Brock Pro Entertainment. Co-owners Lynzee and Mark Foreman, who have a standing relationship with The Phoenix Theatre Company as performers and directors, were eager to team up on the holiday spectacular.

"Working on *UNWRAPPED* I felt a greater sense of family and higher level of teamwork between the cast and staff than any other show I have ever worked on," said Lynzee Foreman. "We've hand-picked some of the Valley's brightest talent to be part of this show and have affectionately chosen a set list of holiday favorites for audiences to enjoy."

To keep *UNWRAPPED* performers safe, there are two casts who practice in pods for COVID safety precautions. Artists include audience favorites, Alyssa Chiarello, Walter Belcher, Sam Primack and Alexandra Ncube, among others. According to Foreman, the *UNWRAPPED* production is a collaborative effort meant to celebrate Phoenix artists and the community of supporters who made the outdoor season possible.

"Now more than ever, we need a reason to celebrate," added Harper. "Something magical happens when people gather together to enjoy live performance. Whether you're an artist or an audience member, we're all desperate for the healing power of art. It uplifts, it inspires, it's the perfect way to feel the connection we all crave – especially right now."

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UNWRAPPED runs Dec. 2 through Dec. 23. The Phoenix Theatre Company's outdoor venue is located at 1875 N. Central Ave., a half block north of the theatre's three-stage complex. It includes socially-distanced seating, hand sanitizer stations, and contactless food and beverage ordering. Masks are required. Tickets are \$59 each. To purchase tickets, call 602-254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

To learn more about how The Phoenix Theatre Company is keeping its staff, artists, patrons and community safe, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com/health.

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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.

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