

The Spirit of Johnny Cash Is Coming to Life in Phoenix

The Phoenix Theatre Company continues to find creative ways to offer the magic of live music and live performances

(PHOENIX – Feb. 19, 2021) The Phoenix Theatre Company’s socially-distanced outdoor venue is about to take on a musical icon, the Man in Black, for the musical performance *Ring of Fire*. From March 10 through April 4, audiences will trace a journey through Johnny Cash’s remarkable life and musical library in a beautiful outdoor setting, enjoying Phoenix’s ideal spring weather in a COVID-19-mindful setting.

“The music of Johnny Cash is timeless, fiery and passionate,” says Scott Weinstein, who returns to The Phoenix Theatre Company after directing *Million Dollar Quartet* in 2018 and 2019. “His songs are lyrically emotional and musically rousing. Cash used music as an escape and in the current state of the world, his story and his lyrics resonate more deeply than ever — they bring the sense of human connection we’re all craving.”

Ring of Fire embraces Cash’s all-too-human story of rebellion, hardship and triumph, while playing iconic music that captured the hearts of generations of music lovers. The cast is comprised of The Phoenix Theatre Company favorites Gregg Hammer, Michelle Chin, Alex Crossland, Cassie Chilton and Austin Case. The show follows this five-person ensemble as they embody key players in Cash’s life including June Carter, the Tennessee Two, and Sam Phillips and his family. Music includes 38 of Johnny Cash’s songs including “Country Boy,” “A Thing Called Love,” “Daddy Sang Bass,” “The Man in Black,” “I Walk the Line” and “Ring of Fire.”

“Johnny Cash never intended for his music to tell a chronological story,” says Weinstein. “But his lyrics speak so much to the human spirit, this show happens organically. Cash created music about hardship and loneliness, and yet his songs show a resilience. A lot of people see moments of their own lives throughout this show. I think right now, we’re collectively going through a hard time, but it’s these challenging times that create beautiful art.”

Ring of Fire plays at The Phoenix Theatre Company’s socially-distanced outdoor venue March 10 through April 4, 2021. Tickets are \$59. The Phoenix Theatre Company adheres to strict safety protocols that meet or exceed Actors’ Equity Association, city, state and CDC mandates and guidelines.

To learn more about The Phoenix Theatre Company’s COVID safety protocols, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com/health. To purchase tickets, call 602-254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com/ringoffire.

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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. To learn more about digital content and outdoor performances, visit www.phoenixtheatre.com and connect on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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