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## **Introducing Phoenix Theatre's 99th Season!**

**Phoenix, Ariz.** - Phoenix Theatre announces the final additions to the incredible lineup for the 2018/2019 season! Kicking off the New Year in January of 2019 will be The Second City's *It's Not You, It's Me*, an improvised adventure into the modern dating scene and the age-old phenomenon that is falling in love. Closing out the season will be *Million Dollar Quartet*, back by popular demand! Relive the now-legendary 1956 impromptu jam session of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Explore Phoenix Theatre's full 2018/2019 season. With 11 productions plus the Festival of New American Theatre, there's something for everyone!

**Avenue Q** - There's more fuzz to love when our badly-behaved puppet friends return! This R-rated, laugh-out-loud look at life after college packs more purposeful punch and candid heart than ever before.

**West Side Story** - When Tony falls for Maria, it seems like love could conquer all... until their rival gangs go to war. Don't miss Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's timeless classic!

**Fun Home** - Lose the rose-colored glasses: this five-time Tony Award® winning musical tackles love, dysfunction, and everything in between.

**Elf: The Musical** - Get your sparklejollytwinklejingle on with Buddy the Elf! Seeing this musical might just get you onto the good list (but you didn't hear it from us).

**The Second City's It's Not You, It's Me** - The comedic superstars from The Second City take an improvised adventure into the modern dating scene and explore the age-old phenomenon that is falling in love.

**Jersey Boys** - Featuring hits like "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Walk Like A Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You", and "December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)", *Jersey Boys* tells the unforgettable story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

**Phoenix Theatre Festival of New American Theatre** - The premiere event of its kind in the southwest, the Festival unites playwrights, composers, and lyricists from across the nation with Arizona actors and audiences. See new plays and musicals, make new connections, and support the creation of new American theatre.

**Airness** - Nina, a newbie to the world of competitive air guitar, thinks it'll be a cinch to take home a win. Spoiler alert: It's definitely not. Fresh from the Humana Festival of New American Plays, *Airness* premieres at Phoenix Theatre.

**Sisters in Law** - This stunning new play features the relationship between polar opposites and modern day legends, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Sandra Day O'Connor.

**Cookin's a Drag** - Grab your spatula and touch up your lipstick! *Cookin's a Drag* points the spotlight - and the TV camera - on Betty D. Licious and her scrumptious back-up boys for her 5th anniversary special, cooking on live TV! What could go wrong?

**Once** - This eight-time Tony Award®-winning musical is a charming boy-meets-girl story with a twist. *Once* reminds us of the true power of music.

**Million Dollar Quartet** - Back by popular demand! Relive the now-legendary 1956 impromptu jam session of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis. Featuring a score of your favorite rock hits, *Million Dollar Quartet* is a scorching show packed with red-hot talent.

Season ticket packages are on sale now. Single tickets will go on sale this summer. For more information, call 602-254-2151 or visit phoenixtheatre.com

## **ABOUT PHOENIX THEATRE**

The largest producing regional theatre company in Arizona, Phoenix Theatre offers more programs and experiences than any other. With nearly 500 performances on multiple stages and thriving outreach programs, we inspire more than 100,000 citizens every year.

As a founding member of the Central Arts District, Phoenix Theatre is committed to advancing the performing arts in the Valley, and is recognized nationally as a professional regional theatre of exceptional quality. In our current 2017/2018 season, we are producing eight remarkable productions on the Walton Stage of the Mainstage Theatre and in the intimate setting of the Hormel Theatre. In March, we hosted our 19th annual Phoenix Theatre Festival of New American Theatre, two weeks that foster the development of new and original work and contribute to the American theatre canon.

Offstage, we strive to give back to our community. Our nationally recognized Professional Volunteer Apprenticeship program provides valuable on-the-job training to future arts leaders in areas of production. Our Partners That Heal program provides comfort and entertainment to children and families in healthcare and crisis facilities.

Our experiential summer programming nurtures the performing artist inside each of us, promoting confidence and providing interactive theatrical and dance experiences for children, teens and adults.

Every show or service we provide is always measured against our mission – to create exceptional theatrical experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding.

Welcome to Phoenix Theatre.

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