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## ***The Phoenix Theatre Company Announces 103<sup>rd</sup> Season Lineup***

(April 4, 2022 – PHOENIX) Theatre and live performance lovers across the Valley will be thrilled by The Phoenix Theatre Company’s newest line up. Announced today, the season kicks off in August and includes nine shows ranging from classic musicals like *A Chorus Line* and family favorites like *Cinderella* to the world-premiere of *Tiananmen*. Plus, for fans of the play development process, the 25<sup>th</sup> Festival of New American Theatre returns. Each performance will be presented at the Theatre’s multi-venue campus in the heart of the Central Arts District.

“Our spectacular 103<sup>rd</sup> season is full of enchanting stories of possibility, tomorrow's promise and a passionate love for the theatre,” said Michael Barnard, producing artistic director at The Phoenix Theatre Company. “Commemorating our perseverance over the last few years and embracing the future growth at The Phoenix Theatre Company is our goal. The ambitious lineup of full-scale productions will provide beautiful, shared experiences of laughter, tears and inspiration while capturing our commitment to artistic excellence.”

Most of this season’s performances will be in the Mainstage Theatre because The Phoenix Theatre Company’s second theatre, the Hormel, is undergoing a major renovation. The Hormel will expand from 250 seats to 500 seats and receive technical improvements to make it available for pre-Broadway show development. The expansion is set to begin in winter 2022.

The 2022-23 performance season includes:

### **THE BOOK OF WILL**

**By Lauren Gunderson**

Hormel Theatre

Aug. 31 – Sept. 25, 2022

An unforgettable true story of love, loss and laughter that sheds new light on a man you may think you know, Shakespeare, and a race to preserve his legacy.

### **BANDSTAND**

**Music by Richard Oberacker**

**Book and Lyrics by Richard Oberacker and Robert Taylor**

Mainstage Theatre

Sept. 21 – Oct. 23, 2022

After the ticker tape parades cease, will musical glory bring hope, purpose and redemption for a group of World War II veterans? *The New York Times* called this “An open-hearted musical that will have you clapping your hands and clenching your fists, tapping your toes and blinking back tears.”

### **A CHORUS LINE**

**Music by Marvin Hamlisch**

**Lyrics by Edward Kleban**

**Book by James Kirkwood, Jr. and Nicholas Dante**

Hormel Theatre

Oct. 19 – Dec. 18, 2022

This dazzling, dance-filled confessional is for anyone who has ever put it all on the line for a dream.

### **CINDERELLA**

**Music by Richard Rodgers**

**Original Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II**

**New Book by Douglas Carter Beane**

Mainstage Theatre

Nov. 18, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

Your favorite pair of slippers this winter are made of glimmering glass in this spin on Rodgers and Hammerstein’s timeless classic that will charm and inspire audiences of all ages.

### **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**

**Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin**

**Book by Craig Lucas**

Mainstage Theatre

Jan. 25 – March 12, 2023

Romance, dance and the soaring melodies of George and Ira Gershwin – who could ask for anything more?

### **CONSTELLATIONS**

**By Nick Payne**

Hardes Theatre

March 1 – April 30, 2023

If you've ever wondered – what if? – this spellbinding story of fate, chance and choice is a cosmic collision of romance and relativity.

### **TIANANMEN**

**World Premiere!**

**Music and Lyrics by Drew Fornarola**

**Book by Scott Elmegreen**

**Conceiver and Creative Consultation by Wu'er Kaixi**

Mainstage Theatre

April 12 – May 14, 2023

This world premiere epic musical is inspired by the protests that defined a generation – and stands as testament to the human cost of the pursuit of democracy.

### **25<sup>th</sup> FESTIVAL OF NEW AMERICAN THEATRE**

**The Phoenix Theatre Company Stages**

Spring 2023

The Southwest's premiere new theatre festival. Trust us, it's a process!

### **ONE MORE FABULOUS MUSICAL TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!**

Mainstage Theatre

June 7 – July 9, 2023

"It's so new that we can't announce it yet, but we prom-ise that this hit production full of spectacle will be a night to remember," said Barnard.

### **DREAMGIRLS**

**Music by Henry Krieger**

**Book and Lyrics by Tom Eyrn**

Mainstage Theatre

Aug. 2 – Sept. 3, 2023

From dream to diva, every star has a story in this glamorous, high-energy Motown-minted hit.

2022-23 season ticket packages go on sale to the general public May 23, 2022, and single tickets go on sale July 11, 2022. Current season ticket holders can renew their subscription packages starting April 4, 2022. For more information, visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com)

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**ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY**

The Phoenix Theatre Company is the largest professional regional theatre company in the state. 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 theatrical experiences by using the arts to articulate messages that inspire hope and understanding. For more information visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com).