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## ***Single Tickets for The Phoenix Theatre Company's 103<sup>rd</sup> Season on Sale Now***

**\*\*New show - *The Last Five Years* – added\*\***

(July 25, 2022 – PHOENIX) Theatre and live performance lovers across the Valley will be thrilled by The Phoenix Theatre Company's 103<sup>rd</sup> season that kicks off Aug. 31. Tickets are on sale now for a line-up that includes nine shows ranging from classic musicals like *A Chorus Line*, family favorites like *Cinderella* and exciting new productions like *The Prom*. Plus, for fans of the play development process, the 25<sup>th</sup> Festival of New American Theatre returns. Each 2022-23 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."

This season's performances will alternate between the Mainstage and Hormel Theatres. In 2023, the Hormel Theatre will undergo a major renovation, thanks to funds raised through an ambitious capital campaign. 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 anticipated to be complete in in 2024.

The 2022-23 performance season includes:

### **THE BOOK OF WILL**

By Lauren Gunderson

Hormel Theatre

August 31 – September 18, 2022

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

### **BANDSTAND**

Music by Richard Oberacker

Book and Lyrics by Richard Oberacker and Robert Taylor

Mainstage Theatre

September 21 – October 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.”

### **CINDERELLA**

Music by Richard Rodgers

Original Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

New Book by Douglas Carter Beane

Mainstage Theatre

November 16, 2022 – January 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.

### **CONSTELLATIONS**

By Nick Payne

Hormel Theatre

January 11 – January 29, 2023

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

### **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**

Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin  
Book by Craig Lucas  
Mainstage Theatre  
January 25 – March 12, 2023

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

### **THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown  
Hormel Theatre  
March 15 – April 2, 2023

There are two perspectives in every love story. *The Last Five Years* will captivate audiences with its emotional examination of relationships and ingenious, interchanging structure between present and past.

### **A CHORUS LINE**

Music by Marvin Hamlisch  
Lyrics by Edward Kleban  
Book by James Kirkwood, Jr. and Nicholas Dante  
Mainstage Theatre  
April 5 – May 14, 2023

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

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

**The Phoenix Theatre Company Stages**  
May 8 – May 28, 2023

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

### **THE PROM**

Music by Matthew Sklar  
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin  
Book by Bob Martin and Chad Beguelin  
Mainstage Theatre  
June 7 to July 9, 2023

The most anticipated night for every high school teen has never been so glittery, or inclusive. Variety says that *The Prom* is "so full of happiness you think your heart is about to burst."

## **DREAMGIRLS**

Music by Henry Krieger

Book and Lyrics by Tom Eyrn

Mainstage Theatre

August 2 – September 3, 2023

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

The previously announced world-premiere of **TIANANMEN** will be moved to the 2023-24 season.

In an effort to provide those who would feel more comfortable in a fully masked environment with the opportunity to attend the 2022-23 season, select performances have been designated "Mask Required." During these performances, masks will be required for all patrons and staff unless actively eating or drinking. Food and drinks will be allowed into the theatre. Proof of vaccination and temperature checks will not be required.

The Phoenix Theatre Company will continue to offer ASL/Audio Describe Nights for each production next season.

For more information about shows, individual tickets, or season packages, 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).