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The Phoenix Theatre Company Launches Concert Series with Jazzy Holiday Experience

(November 7, 2022 – PHOENIX) The Phoenix Theatre Company debuts a new concert series this December with *The Merriest*. Valley favorites Trisha Ditsworth and Matravius Avent take to the stage for an enchanting evening of show tunes, standards, and holiday surprises. *The Merriest* limited engagement runs Dec. 15, 2022 - Dec. 18, 2022 and Dec. 20, 2022 - Dec. 23, 2022 at the Hormel Theatre for 8 shows only.

The Merriest includes timeless favorites such as "It Had To Be You," "My Favorite Things," "The Man With The Bag," and "Cool Yule." Phoenix audiences will be charmed by this one-of-a-kind jazzy holiday showcase. "We absolutely love performing together and we hope audiences will leave humming and tapping their toes," said Trisha. "We have added dance elements into our show for a splash of fun, some tapping, and Fred and Ginger style movement that we choreograph ourselves."

Married couple Matravius Avent and Trisha Ditsworth are Phoenix-based artists and veterans of The Phoenix Theatre Company stage with over 20 shows between them. Favorites include *Memphis*, where the couple met for the first time, *Something Rotten*, *My Way*, *Mary Poppins*, *Rent*, *Camelot*, *The Toxic Avenger*, and *The Sound of Music*. Both artists have been lucky to travel the US and abroad performing in places such as Japan, Singapore, Europe and the Caribbean via cruise ships, tours and concerts. When not performing, Trisha enjoys teaching private voice and acting lessons, directing, and painting. This year has been incredibly special for the couple as they welcomed their son Lennox into the world.

Tickets for *The Merriest* limited engagement are on sale now. To purchase, call (602) 254-2151 or visit www.phoenixtheatre.com.

This is the first of four scheduled concert performances with the rest scheduled throughout 2023.

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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.