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TRINITY REP ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR 2021-22 SEASON Single-Show Tickets Available Starting Today

PROVIDENCE, RI: The Tony Award-winning **Trinity Repertory Company** announces its casting for its 58th season, along with the sale of single-show tickets. The 2021-22 Season includes four shows: ***Tiny Beautiful Things***, August Wilson’s ***Gem of the Ocean***, ***Sueño***, and ***Fairview***. Tickets for ***A Christmas Carol***, which runs in-person November 4, 2021 – January 2, 2022 and online December 6, 2021 – January 16, 2022, went on sale in August. Details and ticket information for all shows can be found at www.trinityrep.com/2122.

“Returning to live performance at Trinity Rep is already an exciting prospect for so many folks, and we wanted to meet their return with unique, rich programming, and extraordinary artists,” Artistic Director **Curt Columbus** said. “Audiences returning to Rhode Island’s state theater will also see extraordinary artists, many familiar to our longtime fans. It is a winning combination that is certain to delight.”

Kicking off the season in early 2022 is ***Tiny Beautiful Things***, an intimate, heartwarming production based on the memoir by **Cheryl Strayed**. It was adapted for the stage by **Nia Vardalos**, and co-conceived by her, **Marshall Heyman**, and **Thomas Kail**. Directed by Trinity Rep Artistic Director **Curt Columbus**, ***Tiny Beautiful Things*** follows the anonymous advice columnist “Sugar” as she answers the pleas of the letters she receives while confronting her own demons. Resident actor **Angela Brazil** will play the role of Sugar. Various letter writers will be played by resident actors **Stephen Berenson**, **Janice Duclos**, **Phyllis Kay**, **Brian McEleney**, and **Daniel Duque-Estrada**, along with Brown/Trinity Rep MFA student **Han Van Sciver**. **Gunnar Manchester**, also a Brown/Trinity Rep student, will perform the show’s music. The show will run from January 13 through February 13, 2022 in the Dowling Theater.

Legendary playwright **August Wilson’s *Gem of the Ocean*** is the next show in the season, directed by resident company member **Jude Sandy**. The first play chronologically in Wilson’s American Century Cycle, ***Gem of the Ocean*** tackles themes of guilt, community, and the legacy of slavery. Longtime Trinity Rep collaborator **Ricardo Pitts-Wiley** will play Solly Two-Kings and MFA student **Christopher Lindsay** will play Citizen Barlow. Also in the cast are resident actor **Joe Wilson, Jr.** as Caesar, MFA student **Lizzy Brooks** as Black Mary, and resident



actor **Mauro Hantman** as Rutherford Selig. *Gem of the Ocean* will play in the Chace Theater February 24 through March 27, 2022.

The season continues with the comedic epic *Sueño* by **José Rivera**, a contemporary adaptation of the Spanish Golden Age classic *Life is a Dream* by **Pedro Calderón de la Barca**. Directed by resident company member and Brown/Trinity MFA alum **Tatyana-Marie Carlo**, the show features resident actors **Daniel Duque-Estrada** as the cursed prince Segismundo and **Anne Scurria** as King Basilio. Additional cast members include **Charlie Thurston** as Clarin; guest actors **Catia** as Rosaura and **Rudy Cabrera** as Clotaldo; and MFA students **Alfredo Antillon** as Astolfo, **Jihan Haddad** as Estrella, and **Andrew Gombas** as Soldier. The production will play in the Dowling Theater from April 7 through May 8, 2022.

Wrapping up the season is *Fairview*, written by Brown University alum **Jackie Sibblies Drury**, who won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for this play. What begins as a family comedy about Grandma's birthday turns into a daring look at race and identity in the 21st century. Resident actor **Mia Ellis** will return to the Trinity Stage for the first time since 2019 as Beverly, joined by MFA student **Jessica N. Smith** as Keisha. Resident actors in the production include: **Rachel Christopher** as Jasmine, **Rebecca Gibel** as Bets, **Mauro Hantman** as Mack, **Stephen Thorne** as Jimbo, **Rachael Warren** as Suze, and **Joe Wilson, Jr** as Dayton. *Fairview* will run in the Chace Theater May 19 through June 19, 2022.

TICKETS

Individual-show tickets are on sale now, as well as four-show packages which start at \$80, and Flex Pass packages. Visit trinityrep.com/box-office or call (401) 351-4242 to purchase today.

The Trinity Rep ticket office is located at 201 Washington Street, Providence, RI, and can be reached by calling (401) 351- 4242 or tickets@trinityrep.com. Trinity Rep's season sponsors are **Ocean State Job Lot** and the **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**. **Southwest Airlines** is the official airline of Trinity Rep.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Trinity Rep is one of nine Rhode Island performing arts organizations and venues requiring proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (at least 14 days have passed since the final dose), or proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken in the prior 72-hours, or proof of a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken in the prior 6-hours. All patrons regardless of vaccination status must wear masks over their nose and mouth at all times while inside the



venue (unless actively eating or drinking). All details of Trinity Rep's health and safety protocol can be found at www.trinityrep.com/health.

TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY

Rhode Island's Tony Award-winning theater, Trinity Rep has created unparalleled professional theater for and with its community since its founding in 1963. Trinity Rep strives to facilitate human connection and has been a driving force behind the creativity that fuels and defines the region for more than 50 years.

Trinity Rep is committed to reinventing the public square and inspiring dialogue by creating emotionally-stimulating live productions that range from classical to contemporary and innovative education programs for all ages and abilities. Its annual production of *A Christmas Carol* has brought families together for more than four decades and made memories for over a million audience members. The 2021-22 Season will launch in November with the holiday classic and continue with four subscription series productions which will run January through June, 2022: *Tiny Beautiful Things*, August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean*, *Sueño*, and *Fairview*. **For more information on our 2021-22 Season, visit Trinity Rep's website at www.TrinityRep.com.**