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THEATER LATTÉ DA ANNOUNCES THE CAST FOR THE WORLD PREMIERE OF TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL

Peter Rothstein directs the world premiere musical adaptation of one of America's greatest dramas. The production opens at the intimate Ritz Theater, June 11. Tickets are on sale now at Latteda.org or by calling the Box Office at 612-339-3003.

TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL features Sasha Andreev, Curtis Bannister, Reese Britts, Charlie Clark, James Detmar, Bradley Greenwald, Brian Kim, Riley McNutt, T. Mychael Rambo, Matt Riehle, Wariboko Semenitari, and Adan M. Varela.

Performances begin June 8 and run thru July 17, 2022 at the Ritz Theater Opening Night is June 11, 2022.

(Minneapolis/St. Paul) Theater Latté Da today announced the cast of TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL, based on one of America's greatest dramas. The world premiere production adapted from the teleplay by Reginald Rose features a jazz score with music and lyrics by composer Michael Holland and book by David Simpatico. The production is directed by Theater Latté Da Founding Artistic Director Peter Rothstein with Music Direction by Theater Latté Da Co-founder Denise Prosek and choreography by Associate Artistic Director/ Director of Impact Kelli Foster Warder. Rothstein directs a cast starring Curtis Bannister, celebrated tenor of film, theater, and opera, and Twin Cities favorites including T. Mychael Rambo, James Detmar and Bradley Greenwald.

TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL will run June 8 - July 17, 2022 at the Ritz Theater. Preview performances are June 8 - June 10. Single tickets start at \$35. Group, student, and other discounts are available. Tickets are on sale now through the box office at 612.339.3003 or online at Latteda.org. Post-show discussions and access services (ASL/AD performances) are available on select dates and by request.

In a small New York City jury room, on "the hottest day of the year," twelve men debate the fate of a young defendant charged with murdering his father. "In form, TWELVE ANGRY MEN is a courtroom drama; in purpose, it's a crash course in those passages of the U.S. Constitution that promise defendants a fair trial and the presumption of innocence." (Roger Ebert).

Twelve Angry Men was written by Reginald Rose as a teleplay, broadcast in 1954 and adapted for the stage the following year. Rose's 1957 film adaptation, directed by Sidney Lumet and starring Henry Fonda and Lee J.Cobb, was nominated for four Academy Awards and is widely considered one of the greatest films of all time.

In 2019, the Reginald Rose Estate granted Theater Latté Da the rights to develop and premiere the first musical adaptation of *Twelve Angry Men*, music and lyrics by Michael Holland (*You're Gonna Hate This, Hurricane*) and book by David Simpatico (*Disney's High School Musical 1 & 2, The Life and Death(s) of Alan Turing*). It was programmed in Theater Latté Da's NEXT Festival in 2019. "Musicalizing this brilliant play affords an additional level of insight into the hearts and minds of the jurors and allows its themes and insights to shine even more brightly," says Elissa Adams, Director New Work at Theater Latté Da. "We are so grateful to Reginald Rose's family for entrusting TWELVE ANGRY MEN to us for this first-ever musical adaptation."

Founding Artistic Director, Peter Rothstein says, "Working on the musical to prepare it for its world premiere, we have been reminded of the acuity and compassion of Reginald Rose's original script and amazed by how relevant his depiction of racial prejudice within the criminal justice system remains."

The cast of TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL features **Sasha Andreev** (*All is Calm* (Off-Broadway), *Ragtime*, *Steerage Song*); **Curtis Bannister** making his Theater

Latté Da debut, Reese Britts (NEXT Festival, Jelly's Last Jam); Charlie Clark (NEXT Festival); James Detmar (Spring Awakening, Cabaret, Assassins); Bradley Greenwald (La Bohéme, A Little Night Music, Steerage Song, Oliver!, C. Candide); Brian Kim (NEXT Festival); Riley McNutt (All is Calm (Off-Broadway), Six Degrees of Separation, Ragtime); T. Mychael Rambo (Five Points); Matt Riehle (Assassins, Once, NEXT); Wariboko Semenitari and Adan M. Varela, both making their Theater Latté Da debuts.

The creative team for TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL includes **Peter Rothstein** (director), **Denise Prosek** (music director), Kelli Foster Warder (choreographer), **Elissa Adams** (dramaturg), **Benjamin Olsen** (scenic designer), **Mathew LeFebvre** (costume designer), **Paul Whitaker** (lighting designer), **Abbee Warmboe** (properties designer), and **Z Makila** (stage manager).

Theater Latté Da is an award-winning Twin Cities musical theater company that combines music and story to illuminate the breadth and depth of the human experience. The company seeks to create new and impactful connections between story, music, artist, and audience by exploring and expanding the art of musical theater. www.latteda.org

FACT SHEET:

TWELVE ANGRY MEN: A NEW MUSICAL

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Directed by **Peter Rothstein**Music Direction by **Denise Prosek**Choreography by **Kelli Foster Warder**

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Theater Latté Da is thrilled to develop and produce the world premiere of this new American musical adapted from one of America's greatest dramas.

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Dates: Wednesday, June 8 – Sunday, July 17, 2022

Venue: Ritz Theater, 345 13th Avenue NE, Minneapolis MN 55413

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Performance Dates:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:30PM - Preview

Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:30pm - Preview

Friday, June 10, 2022 at 7:30pm - Preview

Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 7:30pm - Opening Night

Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:30pm

Friday, June 17, 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 2:00pm

Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 7:30pm

Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:30pm

Friday, June 24, 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 2:00pm

Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 7:30pm

Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:30pm

Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:30pm

Friday, July 1, 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 2:00pm

Saturday, July 2, 2020 at 7:30pm

Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:30pm

Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:30pm

Friday, July 8, 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 2:00pm

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Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 2:00pm

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:30pm

Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 7:30pm

Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 2:00pm

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