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## **Initial Cast of Seattle Stars Announced for The 5th Avenue Theatre's New Production of *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn***

**November 24 – December 31, 2017**

*Music & Lyrics by Irving Berlin*

*Book by Gordon Greenburg and Chad Hodge*

*Co-Directed by David Armstrong and James A. Rocco*

*Choreographed by James A. Rocco*

(Wednesday, September 6, 2017—Seattle, WA) This winter **The 5th Avenue Theatre** will warm hearts with the West Coast premiere of the Broadway smash hit ***Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn***. The cast will feature the talents of Seattle stars and 5th Avenue favorites **Eric Ankrim** (*How to Succeed...*, *First Date*, *Paint Your Wagon*) as Jim Hardy, **Sarah Rose Davis** (*The Pajama Game*, *How to Succeed...*) as Linda Mason, **Matt Owen** (*ELF*, *Spamalot*, *A Room with a View*) as Ted Hanover and **Taryn Darr** (*The Pajama Game*, *A Chorus Line*) as Lila Dixon. The show will be co-directed by **James A. Rocco** and 5th Avenue Theatre Executive Producer and Artistic Director **David Armstrong**. Rocco, whose previous work at The 5th includes *White Christmas* and *The Pirates of Penzance*, will also choreograph. The 5th's production of ***Holiday Inn*** will feature the acclaimed sets and costume designs from the recent Broadway production. Playing **November 24 – December 31** (press opening Friday, December 1), tickets for ***Holiday Inn*** start at just \$29 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased at [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org), by phone at **206-625-1900** or at the Box Office at **1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle**.

***Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*** is a glorious new musical (inspired by the Oscar-winning film) that features 20 timeless Irving Berlin songs, including the beloved favorites "White Christmas," "Easter Parade" and "Blue Skies." In this holiday delight, Jim leaves the bright lights of show business to settle down on a farm in Connecticut—but he finds the simple life is not as simple as he thought. Called "Heartfelt musical eggnog" by the *New York Observer*, ***Holiday Inn*** is a heartwarming treat, sure to put your whole family in the best of holiday spirits.

**WHEN:** *Previews begin Friday, November 24, 2017*  
Opening Night: Friday, December 1, 2017 (press night)  
Closing Performance: Sunday, December 31, 2017  
Performance times vary. Please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org) for details.

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**WHERE:**     **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Downtown Seattle)

**TICKETS:**   Please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org) or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900 for tickets (starting at \$29).

Special thanks to The 5th Avenue Theatre's 2017/18 season sponsors ArtsFund, U.S. Bank and Alaska Airlines. Additional thanks to restaurant sponsor Il Fornaio.

### **About The 5th Avenue Theatre**

The non-profit 5th Avenue Theatre is the nation's premier incubator for new musical theater. Since 2001, the Seattle-based company has produced 18 new musicals. To date, nine (including the sensational hit *Disney's Aladdin*) have moved on to Broadway premieres, earning a combined 15 Tony Awards®, including two for Best Musical (*Hairspray* and *Memphis*). The 5th Avenue Theatre is also known for its world class, critically acclaimed new productions of musicals chosen from both the contemporary canon and the Golden Age of Broadway.

Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernadine C. Griffin and Producing Artistic Director Bill Berry, this non-profit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 20,000 subscribers—one of the largest theater subscriptions in North America.

In addition to its main stage productions, The 5th Avenue Theatre is also committed to encouraging the next generation of theatergoers through its extensive educational outreach programs. For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org).

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