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## 2013 Tony® Award-Winning Best Musical



### Final Casting Announced! October 7-26, 2014 at The 5th Avenue Theatre

(September 3, 2014 – SEATTLE, WA) – Daryl Roth and Hal Luftig, lead producers of ***Kinky Boots***, the smash-hit musical that brings together four-time Tony® Award-winner **Harvey Fierstein** (Book) and Grammy® Award-winning rock icon **Cyndi Lauper** (Tony® Award-winner for Best Score for *Kinky Boots*), have announced final casting for the upcoming first national tour.

***Kinky Boots*** plays **October 7-26, 2014** (press opening October 9) at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101). Tickets (starting at \$45.25) may be purchased online 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.

As previously announced, **Kyle Taylor Parker** (*Kinky Boots*, *In the Heights* national tour), one of the Angels in the original Broadway company, will strut his stuff as Lola – something he has done to great acclaim on several occasions in New York as the Lola understudy. **Steven Booth** (*Avenue Q*, *Glory Days*, *Dogfight*) will star as shoe factory owner Charlie Price. Parker and Booth will be joined by **Lindsay Nicole Chambers** (*Hairspray*, *Legally Blonde*, *Lysistrata Jones*) as Lauren, **Joe Coots** (TV's "Inside Amy Schumer," *Full Monty* national tour) as Don, **Craig Waletzko** (*Guys & Dolls*, *Young Frankenstein*) as George and **Grace Stockdale** in her touring debut as Nicola.

Rounding out the ensemble are **Damien Brett**, **Stephen Carrasco**, **Lauren Nicole Chapman**, **Amelia Cormack**, **Troi Gaines**, **J. Harrison Ghee**, **Blair Goldberg**, **Darius Harper**, **Andrew Theo Johnson**, **Crystal Kellogg**, **Jeffrey Kishinevskiy**, **Jeff Kuhr**, **Ross Lekites**, **Patty Lohr**, **Mike Longo**, **Tommy Martinez**, **David McDonald**, **Nick McGough**, **Bonnie Milligan**, **Anthony**

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**Picarello, Horace V. Rogers, Ricky Schroeder, Anne Tolpegin, Juan Torres-Falcon, Hernando Umana and Sam Zeller.**

Directed and choreographed by Tony<sup>®</sup> Award-winner **Jerry Mitchell**, *Kinky Boots* opened on Broadway April 4, 2013 and continues to play to standing-room-only crowds nightly. The show, which has broken all box office records at the Hirschfeld Theatre, recouped its costs in October 2013, after just 30 weeks on Broadway. Mitchell is no stranger to Seattle audiences – he choreographed the world premieres of the Broadway hits *Hairspray* and *Catch Me If You Can* at The 5th Avenue Theatre.

*Kinky Boots* took home six 2013 Tony<sup>®</sup> Awards, the most of any show in the season, including Best Musical, Best Score (Cyndi Lauper), Best Choreography (Jerry Mitchell), Best Orchestrations (Stephen Oremus) and Best Sound Design (John Shivers). The show also received the Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Broadway.com Awards for Best Musical and the Grammy<sup>®</sup> Award for Best Musical Album, along with many other accolades.

In *Kinky Boots*, Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited his father's shoe factory, which is on the verge of bankruptcy. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola. A fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos, Lola turns out to be the one person who can help Charlie become the man he's meant to be. As they work to turn the factory around, this unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible... and discovers that when you change your mind about someone, you can change your whole world.

The design team for *Kinky Boots* includes Tony<sup>®</sup> Award nominee **David Rockwell** (Scenic Design), Tony<sup>®</sup> Award-winner **Gregg Barnes** (Costume Design), Tony Award-winner **Kenneth Posner** (Lighting Design), Tony<sup>®</sup> Award-winner **John Shivers** (Sound Design), **Josh Marquette** (Hair Design), **Randy Houston Mercer** (Make-up Design), **Telsey + Company, Justin Huff, CSA** (Casting), with Musical Supervision, Arrangements and Orchestrations by Tony and Grammy Award-winner **Stephen Oremus**.

*Kinky Boots* is produced on Broadway and on tour by Daryl Roth and Hal Luftig, James L. Nederlander, Terry Allen Kramer, Independent Presenters Network, CJ E&M, Jayne Baron Sherman, Just for Laughs Theatricals/Judith Ann Abrams, Yasuhiro Kawana, Jane Bergere, Allan S. Gordon & Adam S. Gordon, Ken Davenport, Hunter Arnold, Lucy and Phil Suarez, Bryan Bantry, Ron Fierstein and Dorsey Regal, Jim Kierstead/Gregory Rae, BB Group/Christina Papagjika, Michael DeSantis/Patrick Baugh, Brian Smith/Tom and Connie Walsh, Warren Trepp and Jujamcyn Theaters.

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**FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:**

**WHAT:** *Kinky Boots*, the smash-hit musical that brings together four-time Tony® Award-winner **Harvey Fierstein** (Book) and Grammy® Award-winning rock icon **Cyndi Lauper** (Tony Award-winner for Best Score for *Kinky Boots*) is on its way to Seattle's **5th Avenue Theatre**. Directed and choreographed by Tony Award-winner **Jerry Mitchell**, *Kinky Boots* opened on Broadway April 4, 2013 and continues to play to standing-room-only crowds nightly. *Kinky Boots* took home six 2013 Tony Awards, the most of any show in the season, including Best Musical, Best Score (Cyndi Lauper), Best Choreography (Jerry Mitchell), Best Orchestrations (Stephen Oremus) and Best Sound Design (John Shivers).

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**WHEN:** Preview Performances: October 7-8, 2014  
Opening Night: 8:00 PM Thursday, October 9, 2014 (press night)  
Closing Performance: Sunday, October 26, 2014

**SHOW** Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM  
**TIMES:** Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM  
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM  
Sundays – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

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

**TICKETS:** For single tickets (starting at \$45.25) and information, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org) or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX.

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