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**2013 Tony Award®-Winning Best Musical**

***Kinky Boots***

**Returns to Seattle at The 5th Avenue Theatre  
April 27 - May 8, 2016**

(Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – SEATTLE) ***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 back by popular demand!

***Kinky Boots*** plays **April 27-May 8, 2016** (press opening April 28) at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101). For single tickets (starting at \$36) and information, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org), call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900 or visit the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle. Tickets may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX. Group ticket buyers (10 or more) may call (888) 625-1418.

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award® -winner **Jerry Mitchell**, ***Kinky Boots*** is represented around the world with the Broadway company now in its fourth year, a North American First National Tour that launched in September 2014, a Toronto production that opened in June 2015, a London production that opened in September 2015 and a Melbourne production opening in October 2016. A Korean production of ***Kinky Boots*** ran from December 2014-February 2015 and a return engagement is planned for 2016. The Grammy Award-winning Original Broadway Cast Recording of ***Kinky Boots*** is available on Sony Masterworks Broadway.

***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). The show also received the Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Broadway.com Awards for Best Musical and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Album, along with many other accolades.

Inspired by true events, ***Kinky Boots*** takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's

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future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

**J. Harrison Ghee** is kicking up his heels as Lola. Ghee understudied the role of Lola during the first year of the tour and was the Assistant Dance Captain. **Adam Kaplan** (*Newsies*, *Showboat*) stars as shoe factory owner Charlie Price. Ghee and Kaplan are joined by **Tiffany Engen** (*Legally Blonde*) as Lauren, **Aaron Walpole** (*Les Misérables*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*) as Don, **Charissa Hogeland** (*Heathers The Musical*) as Nicola, **Jim J. Bullock** (Theatre: *Hairspray*, TV: *Too Close for Comfort*) as George and **E. Clayton Cornelious** (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*) as the Standby for Lola.

Rounding out the ensemble are **Zach Adkins**, **Joe Beauregard**, **Meryn Beckett**, **Damien Brett**, **Joseph Anthony Byrd**, **Sam Dowling**, **Alex Dreschke**, **Annie Edgerton**, **Jhazz Fleming**, **Shawna M. Hamic**, **Patty Lohr**, **Hudson Loverro**, **Ellen Marlow**, **Michael Milkanin**, **Ashley Moniz**, **Jennifer Noble**, **Aidan Passaro**, **JP Qualters**, **Jomil Elijah Robinson**, **Horace V. Rogers**, **Sam Rohloff**, **Tom Souhrada**, **Josh Tolle**, **Juan Torres-Falcon** and **Sam Zeller**.

The creative team for ***Kinky Boots*** includes Tony Award® nominee David Rockwell (Scenic Design), Tony Award®-winner Gregg Barnes (Costume Design), Tony Award®-winner Kenneth Posner (Lighting Design), Tony Award®-winner John Shivers (Sound Design), Josh Marquette (Hair Design), Randy Houston Mercer (Make-up Design), Telsey + Company, Justin Huff, CSA (Casting), DB Bonds (Associate Director) and Rusty Mowery (Associate Choreographer). ***Kinky Boots*** features Musical Direction by Ryan Fielding Garrett, and 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 Papagijika, Michael DeSantis/Patrick Baugh, Brian Smith/Tom and Connie Walsh, Warren Trepp and Jujamcyn Theaters.

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

The non-profit 5th Avenue Theatre is acclaimed as one of the nation's leading musical theater companies and is especially renowned for its production and development of new works. Since 2001, the Seattle-based company has produced 17 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 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

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Berry, this non-profit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 25,000 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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### **For Calendar Editors**

**WHAT:** Back by popular demand, ***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*), returns to **The 5th Avenue Theater** for two weeks only! Directed and choreographed by Tony Award®-winner **Jerry Mitchell** and inspired by true events, ***Kinky Boots*** takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

**WHEN:** *Previews Begin:* Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
Opening Night: Thursday April, 28, 2016 (press night)  
Closing Performance: Sunday, May 8, 2016

**SHOW TIMES:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM  
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:** Please visit <https://www.5thavenue.org/show/kinky-boots> or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets (starting at \$36) may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX.

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