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The World Premiere of *MRS. DOUBTFIRE* at The 5th Avenue Theatre Extended by Popular Demand Through January 4, 2020

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell

Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick

Based upon the Twentieth Century Fox Motion Picture

Music Supervision by Ethan Popp

Choreographed by Lorin Latarro

Directed by Jerry Zaks

(Monday, December 2, 2019—SEATTLE) It's been extended, poppets! Following a week of sold out previews, **The 5th Avenue Theatre** is thrilled to announce that the world premiere production of *Mrs. Doubtfire* has been extended through **January 4, 2020** by overwhelming demand. *Mrs. Doubtfire*, which officially opens Friday, December 13, 2019, will play an additional week past the original December 29, 2019 closing date. Please see the end of this release for performance details.

Mrs. Doubtfire is the 22nd new musical produced by The 5th Avenue Theatre (*Hairspray*, *Memphis*, *Aladdin*, *A Christmas Story*). Following its world premiere in Seattle, it will open on Broadway at the **Stephen Sondheim Theatre** this Spring, making it the 10th new musical produced by The 5th to go on to have a subsequent Broadway run. *Mrs. Doubtfire* will be produced on Broadway by multi-Tony Award® winner **Kevin McCollum** (*Avenue Q*, *Rent*, *In The Heights*, *Something Rotten!*) and is based on the Twentieth Century Fox Motion Picture.

"We're so excited to extend our production and share this brilliantly funny and emotionally powerful new musical," said The 5th Avenue Theatre's Producing Artistic Director **Bill Berry**. "Seattle is a family town and it's so great to see new generations of theatregoers not just attending but embracing new musicals that we believe in and are proud to share with the world."

"We couldn't be more thrilled by the response that Seattle has had to *Mrs. Doubtfire*," added Producer **Kevin McCollum**. "I have always enjoyed working with The 5th and am grateful for the process of working together again. Seattle audiences are terrific—the reaction has been tremendous and I'm heartened to know that audiences love the show as much as our wonderful creative team."

The principal cast of *Mrs. Doubtfire* features Tony®-nominated **Rob McClure** in the title role, **Jenn Gambatese** as Miranda Hillard, **Brad Oscar** as Frank Hillard, **Analise Scarpaci** as Lydia Hillard, **Jake Ryan**

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Flynn as Christopher Hillard, **Avery Sell** as Natalie Hillard, **J. Harrison Ghee** as Andre, **Mark Evans** as Stuart Dunmeyer, **Charity Angél Dawson** as Wanda Sellner, and **Peter Bartlett** as Mr. Jolly.

Mrs. Doubtfire has a book by **Karey Kirkpatrick** and **John O'Farrell** and music and lyrics by **Wayne Kirkpatrick** and **Karey Kirkpatrick**, the Tony Award® nominated team behind *Something Rotten!* Four-time Tony Award® winner **Jerry Zaks** (*Hello, Dolly!*) directs, with choreography by **Lorin Latarro** (*Waitress*) and music supervision by **Ethan Popp** (*Tina*).

Mrs. Doubtfire is presented by special arrangement with Buena Vista Theatrical.

Daniel Hillard, a struggling, out-of-work actor, will do anything for his kids. After losing custody in a messy divorce, he disguises himself as Scottish nanny Euphemia Doubtfire in a desperate attempt to stay in their lives. As his new persona begins to take on a life of her own, Mrs. Doubtfire teaches Daniel more than he bargained for about how to be a father. A hysterical and heartfelt story about holding onto your loved ones against all odds, **Mrs. Doubtfire** is the next big musical comedy for families—of all kinds.

Extended performances of Mrs. Doubtfire:

Monday, December 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Friday, January 3, 2020 at 8:00 PM

Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Tickets to these extended dates are on sale now at www.5thavenue.org, by phone at **206.625.1900**, or in person at the **Box Office** at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

About The 5th Avenue Theatre

The 5th Avenue Theatre is one of America's leading musical theater companies. We enrich the community we love with the art form we love—giving the Pacific Northwest a front-row seat to original powerhouse productions that go on to light up marquees and audiences all the way to Broadway. From the page to the stage, we bring passion and epic scale to every musical we create. With big talent. Bigger-than-life productions. And did we mention dazzle? As a nonprofit theater company and our region's largest performing arts employer, we spread the joy of great musicals with people of all ages across our region and state. Each year, we reach 75,000 young people through our nationally acclaimed education programs. Programs designed to develop new musicals ensure that the next generation of great musicals will be there to tell the stories that captivate tomorrow's audiences. On the national stage, we are a leading voice for the power of this American art form to lift the human spirit.

For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit www.5thavenue.org.

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