

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE EXTENDS RUN OF WORLD-PREMIERE MUSICAL *THE OUTSIDERS* DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND

La Jolla, CA – Due to overwhelming demand, La Jolla Playhouse announces a week-long extension for its world-premiere production of *The Outsiders*, the new musical adapted from S.E. Hinton’s seminal novel and Francis Ford Coppola’s groundbreaking film. Featuring a book by Pulitzer Prize finalist Adam Rapp, music and lyrics by Jamestown Revival (Jonathan Clay & Zach Chance) and Tony Award winner Justin Levine; music supervision, arrangements and orchestrations by Justin Levine, and choreography by Rick Kuperman & Jeff Kuperman, *The Outsiders* is directed by Obie Award winner Danya Taymor. The production is now scheduled to run through **April 9**. Tickets are available at LaJollaPlayhouse.org.

The story that defined a generation has been reimagined as a groundbreaking new musical. Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1967, the hardened hearts and aching souls of Ponyboy Curtis, Johnny Cade and their chosen family of ‘outsiders’ are in a fight for survival and a quest for purpose in a world that may never accept them. A story of the bonds that brothers share and the hopes we all hold on to, this gripping new musical reinvigorates the timeless tale of ‘haves and have-nots’, of protecting what’s yours and fighting for what could be.

“It is tremendously gratifying to be able to give more San Diegans and visitors the opportunity to see this stunning new musical based on one of America’s most beloved books,” said Christopher Ashley, the Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse. “We are incredibly proud to be a launching pad for this world-premiere production and deeply moved by the ongoing support for new work on our stages.”

La Jolla Playhouse is a place where artists and audiences come together to create what’s new and next in the American theatre, from Tony Award-winning productions, to imaginative programs for young audiences, to interactive experiences outside our theatre walls. Founded in 1947 by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer, the Playhouse is currently led by Tony Award winner Christopher Ashley, the Rich Family Artistic Director of La Jolla Playhouse, and Managing Director Debby Buchholz. The Playhouse is internationally renowned for the development of new works, including mounting 110 world premieres, commissioning 60 new works, and sending 33 productions to Broadway, garnering a total of 38 Tony Awards, as well as the 1993 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

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