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Media Alert for Theatre Editors, Reviewers and Calendar Listings

Chance Theater is bringing Fancifabulous back with...

“Fancy Nancy, The Musical”

The wildly popular musical adaptation of the best-selling book series is back for the 6th time!

ANAHEIM, CA: Chance Theater, Anaheim’s official resident theater company, announces its 6th production of “Fancy Nancy, The Musical” the stage adaptation of the best-selling series of books by Jane O’Connor and illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. The 2012 musical by Susan DiLallo (book and lyrics) and Danny Abosch (music) is suited for all age groups.

“Fancy Nancy, The Musical” follows Nancy and her friends Bree, Rhonda, Wanda, and Lionel as they prepare to perform in their very first show -- “Deep Sea Dances.” Nancy is positive (that’s fancy for “100 percent sure”), that she and Bree will be picked to be mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role, Nancy is stuck playing a dreary, dull tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn’t the one she wanted?

Chance Theater first staged “Fancy Nancy, The Musical” in May 2015. The show was an instant hit and audiences always ended up clamoring to have the show return... which it did five more times, most recently last summer 2022.

Chance Theater Resident Artist **Nicole Schlitt** will be taking the helm as director this year and joining her on the design team for “Fancy Nancy, The Musical” are music director **Robyn Manion** (Resident Artist, “Edges”), costume designer **Christina Perez** (“Next to Normal”), scenic designer **Megan Hill** (Resident Artist, “A Charlie Brown Christmas”), lighting and sound designer **Masako Tobaru** (Resident Artist, “Ride the Cyclone”), and stage manager **Catt Fox-Uruburu** (“Ride the Cyclone”).

The cast of “Fancy Nancy, The Musical” will feature a mix of newcomers and returning actors – **Jillian Batt** (“Alice in Wonderland”) and **Angela Griswold** (“A Charlie Brown Christmas”) share the role of Nancy; **Juliet Parker** (“Fancy Nancy”) will play the role of Bree; **Gabbie Adner** (“Parade”) plays Rhonda; **Alyssa Corella** (“A Wrinkle In Time”) plays Wanda; **Fiona Burrows** (Chance Debut) will be the swing for Wanda and Rhonda; **Jaylen Baham** (“Ride the Cyclone”), **Elijah Douglas** (Chance Debut), and **Matt Takahashi** (Resident Artist, “A Charlie Brown Christmas”) share the role of Lionel; and **Katie Brown** (“Loch Ness, A New Musical”) and **Robyn Manion** (Resident Artist, Chance Stage Debut) will share the role of Mrs. Clancy.

The executive producers for “Fancy Nancy, The Musical” are Sophie & Larry Cripe. Bette & Wylie Aitken are producers for the entire 2023 Season and The Family of Mary Kay Fyda-Mar are the season’s associate producers.

To schedule press interviews, arrange for press comps, request press photos, or for any additional information regarding this production, please contact Casey Long, the Chance’s managing director, at (626) 523-7151 or casey@chancetheater.com.

ABOUT CHANCE THEATER

Proud to be one of the leading ensemble-driven theatre companies in Southern California, CHANCE THEATER has received the National Theatre Company grant from American Theatre Wing for “nurturing a community of artists in ways that strengthen and demonstrate the quality, diversity, and dynamism of American theatre.” The Chance recently won 14 OCTG Theatre Awards, including Outstanding Production of a Musical (*Next to Normal*) and Outstanding Production of a Play (*Cry It Out*). Previously, Chance Theater has won eight OCTG Theatre Awards, including Outstanding Production of a Musical (*Fun Home*), eight Ovation Awards, including four for Best Production of a Musical (Intimate Theatre), and four LADCC Awards, including the Polly Warfield Award for Outstanding Season. The Anaheim City Council named Chance Theater “the Official Resident Theater Company of Anaheim” in 2014, and Arts Orange County has twice named the Chance as “Outstanding Arts Organization.” Known for using bold and personal storytelling to promote dialogue and connection within the Southern California theatrical landscape, the Chance is committed to contributing to a more compassionate, connected and creative community. As a constituent member of Theatre Communications Group, The

Theatrical Producers League of Los Angeles, and OC Theatre Guild, Chance Theater continues to bring national attention to the Southern California and Orange County theater scenes.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: Fancy Nancy, The Musical

This TYA favorite returns to the Chance for the fifth time. Bring the family and watch as Fancy Nancy and her friends Bree, Rhonda, Wanda, and Lionel get ready to perform in their very first show, "Deep Sea Dances." Nancy is positive, that's fancy for 100 percent sure, that she and Bree will be picked to be mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role of the mermaid, Nancy is stuck playing a dreary, dull tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn't the one she wanted?

WHEN:

Previews: May 26-28, 2023; Friday 7 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. & 6 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Performances: May 28 - June 18, 2023

Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. & Sundays 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

REVIEWERS AND OTHER PRESS are encouraged to come to Opening Night on Sunday, May 28 at 6 p.m.

RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 10 minutes

WHERE: Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken theater arts Center on the Cripe Stage

5522 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807

TICKETS: \$24-30

Discounts available for children (ages 4-12), seniors, students, and military.

MORE INFO: www.ChanceTheater.com or call (888) 455-4212

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