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Media Alert for Theatre Editors, Reviewers and Calendar Listings

Due to popular demand...

Green Day's American Idiot Extends thru August 21!

Chance Theater's acclaimed intimate production of the Tony Award-winning punk rock opera adds five performances to allow more chances for audiences

ANAHEIM, CA: Chance Theater, Anaheim's official resident theater company is thrilled to announce that the regional premiere of the 2009 punk rock opera, "Green Day's American Idiot" will be extending thru August 21 on the Cripe Stage at the Bette Aitken theater arts Center. Directed by James Michael McHale, choreographed by Miguel Cardenas, and with music direction by Gabrielle Maldonado, "Green Day's American Idiot" has been selling out the intimate Chance Theater since previews started on July 15th.

In addition to sold-out audiences, the production has also been receiving a very positive critical response as well, including...

OCTG RECOMMENDED! – *OC Theatre Guild*

3.5/4 STARS! "delivers the proper punk snarl" – *Orange County Register*

RECOMMENDED! a powerhouse production – *Stage Raw*

WOW! "Must-see... Thrilling... A veritable feast for the eyes" – *StageSceneLA*

RECOMMENDED! "an adrenaline rush of a show" – *Orange Curtain Review*

5 out of 5 STARS! "thrillingly raucous and gorgeously wrought" – *The Show Report*

Joining director **James Michael McHale** on the design team for “Green Day’s American Idiot” are music director **Gabrielle Maldonado** (Chance debut), choreographer **Miguel Cardenas** (“The Secret Garden”, Chance Resident Artist), scenic designer **Kristin Campbell** (“Yellowman”), OC Theatre Guild Award-winning lighting designer **Andrea Heilman** (“Yellowman”), costume designer **Bradley Allen Lock** (“Fun Home”), sound designer **Hunter Moody** (“Edges”), Ovation Award-winning projection designer **Nick Santiago** (“Sweat”), and stage manager **Cynthia C. Espinoza** (“Striking 12”).

The cast of “Green Day’s American Idiot” will feature a mix of newcomers and returning actors – **Jared Machado** (“Next to Normal”) will play Johnny, **Eric Dobson** (Chance debut) is Tunny, **Christopher Diem** (“James and The Giant Peach,” Chance Resident Artist) is Will, **Erika Mireya Cruz** (Chance debut) plays Whatsername, **Angie Chavez** (“Next to Normal”) is Heather, **Dagmar Marshall-Michelson** (Chance debut) will play St. Jimmy, **Kristin O’Connell** (“The Secret Garden”) plays Extraordinary Girl, and **Jack Aitken, Sophia Barajas, and Wyatt Hatfield** make their Chance debuts as the ensemble.

The executive producers for “Green Day’s American Idiot” are Rachele Menaker & Eddie Schuller. Bette & Wylie Aitken are producers for the entire 2022 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 eight OC Theatre Guild Awards, including Outstanding Production of a Musical for its intimate revival of *Fun Home*. Previously, Chance Theater won eight Ovation Awards, including four for Best Production of a Musical (Intimate Theatre), as well as 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: Green Day's American Idiot

The two-time Tony Award-winning hit musical "Green Day's American Idiot," based on the Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album, boldly takes the American musical where it's never gone before. This high-octane show follows the journey of a new generation of young Americans as they struggle to find meaning in a post-9/11 world. This powerhouse musical includes every song from Green Day's album, "American Idiot," as well as several songs from its follow-up release, "21st Century Breakdown."

NOTE: This show contains mature content and strong language. Recommended for mature audiences.

WHEN:

Performances: Extended thru August 21, 2022

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m.

RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 35 minutes, with no intermission

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

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

TICKETS: \$25-\$49

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

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