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Media Alert for Theatre Editors, Reviewers and Calendar Listings

Due to popular demand...

***Fun Home* extends thru March 8th**

Chance Theater's critically-acclaimed production of the 2015 Tony Award winner will be adding four performances to its sold-out production run

February 25, 2020 ... Anaheim, California ... Chance Theater, Anaheim's official resident theater company, is thrilled to announce that its production of ***Fun Home*** will be extended its run through March 8, 2020 on the Cripe Stage at the Bette Aitken *theater arts* Center.

Enjoyed by play and musical lovers alike, *Fun Home* brings forward aspects of our society that do not often take center stage! Alison's volatile and brilliant father has just died unexpectedly, sparking an achingly beautiful journey of self-discovery and her own journey as an LGBTQ writer, artist, and woman. Join us for this refreshingly honest, wholly original, and intimately emotional musical about seeing your parents through grown-up eyes that won just about every major New York award during its time on and off Broadway.

NOTE: ***Fun Home*** contains adult language, themes and content. Not recommended for those under the age of 13.

Critical Praise for Chance Theater's production of *Fun Home*:

- *Los Angeles Times* Critic's Choice
- OCTG Recommended
- "More challenging than grim, plus often highly entertaining, this show about self-exploration is, in its execution, compelling and life-affirming." – *Orange County Register*
- "searingly poignant and emotionally absorbing" – *Broadway World*
- "Orange County musical theater at its most powerful and transformative" -- *StageSceneLA*

The production is directed by **Marya Mazor**, and she is joined by **Lex Leigh** (music director), **Bradley Kaye** (scenic designer), **Ryan Brodtkin** (sound designer), **Andrea Heilman** (lighting designer), **Bradley Lock** (costume designer), **Kelsey Somerville** (stage manager) and **Lindsey Alterman** (assistant director).

Starring in the Chance's production of *Fun Home* are returning artists **Ron Hastings** (*Ragtime*) as Bruce Bechdel and **Matt Bolden** (*Big Fish*) as Roy, Mark, Pete, Bobby and Jeremy. They are joined by Chance newcomers **Ashlee Espinosa** as Alison Bechdel, **Madelyn Velazquez** as Medium Alison, **Holly Reichert** as Small Alison, **Jennifer Richardson** as Helen Bechdel, **Reese Hewitt** as Christian Bechdel, **Christopher Patow** as John Bechdel, and **Ketino Christopher** as Joan.

The Executive Producers for this production are The Family of Mary Kay Fyda-Mar, and Bette & Wylie Aitken are the Season Producers for the entire 2020 Season.

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 714-900-3284 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 has won seven Ovation Awards, including three for Best Production of a Musical (Intimate Theatre) for its regional premiere of *Lizzie, The Musical*, the West Coast premiere of *Triassic Park – The Musical* and Southern California premiere of *Jerry Springer – The Opera*, 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, Orange County Theatre Guild, and LA Stage Alliance, Chance Theater continues to bring national attention to the Southern California and Orange County theater scenes.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: **Fun Home**

We kick off our 22nd Anniversary Season with one of the most celebrated and groundbreaking musicals in the last decade. Enjoyed by play and musical lovers alike, *Fun Home* brings forward aspects of our society that do not often take center stage! Alison's volatile and brilliant father has just died unexpectedly, sparking an achingly beautiful journey of self-discovery and her own journey as an LGBTQ writer, artist, and woman. Join us for this refreshingly honest, wholly original, and intimately emotional musical about seeing your parents through grown-up eyes that won just about every major New York award during its time on and off Broadway.

WHEN:

Extended production run: Playing thru March 8, 2020.

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.

NOTE: There will not be a performance on Thursday, March 5th

WHERE: Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken *theater arts* Center on the Cripe Stage,
5522 E. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92807

TICKETS: \$25.00 - \$49.00.

Call (888) 455-4212 or visit www.ChanceTheater.com.

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

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