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Media Alert for Theatre Editors, Reviewers and Calendar Listings

Chance Theater proudly announces

# ***Ragtime* extends thru August 11th**

**The critically-acclaimed intimate reimagining of the epic musical will be adding ten performances over the course of a two-week extension**

July 10, 2019 ... Anaheim, California ... Chance Theater, Anaheim's official resident theater company, is delighted to announce that we will be extending the sold-out run of ***Ragtime: The Musical***. Based on the novel *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow, ***Ragtime: The Musical*** is written by Terrence McNally, and composed by Stephen Flaherty with lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. This production is directed by Casey Stangl, with choreography by Kelly Todd, and music direction by Robyn Manion. ***Ragtime: The Musical* will now run for an additional two weeks through August 11th on the Cripe Stage at the Bette Aitken theater arts Center.**

Famous historical characters and a rich score propel *Ragtime* through a spectacular re-creation of turn-of-the-20th-century New York. Based on E.L. Doctorow's acclaimed novel, this 13-time Tony-nominated musical paints a nostalgic and powerful portrait of three people — a stifled married woman from the upper classes, a determined Jewish immigrant, and a daring young musician from Harlem — whose fates become unexpectedly intertwined. With music and lyrics by the Tony Award-winning team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, the show boasts a Tony Award-winning book by Terrence McNally and such memorable songs as "Getting Ready Rag," "Wheels of a Dream," "Till We Reach That Day" and "Make Them Hear You."

*NOTE: Contains mature themes and strong language.*

"The play has so much resonance in our world today," said director Casey Stangl. "The immigrant experience, the decaying of the American Dream, the intense divisions between groups, races, genders- all these themes are explored in a piece with a glorious score and fascinating characters."

The Executive Producers for this production are Sophie & Larry Cripe and Rachelle Menaker & Eddie Schuller. Bette & Wylie Aitken are the Season Producers and for the entire 2019 Season.

To schedule press interviews, request photos, schedule press comps or for any additional information, please contact Casey Long at (714) 900-3284 or by e-mail at [casey@chancetheater.com](mailto: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 six Ovation Awards, including two for Best Production of a Musical – Intimate Theater for its 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: **RAGTIME**

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### WHEN:

**EXTENDED thru August 11, 2019**

Thursdays at 7:30pm; Fridays at 8pm; Saturdays at 3pm and 8pm; Sundays at 3pm

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](http://www.ChanceTheater.com).

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

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