

THE 2009-2010 M&T BANK BROADWAY SEASON

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THE COLOR PURPLE

October 6-11, 2009

Oprah Winfrey Presents **THE COLOR PURPLE**, a soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the Oscar-nominated film by Steven Spielberg. It is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who triumphs over tremendous odds to find joy in life, and her true inner beauty. Nominated for eleven Tony® Awards, **THE COLOR PURPLE** is a landmark theatrical event. With a joyous GRAMMY®-nominated score featuring jazz, gospel and blues, **THE COLOR PURPLE** is capturing the hearts of young and old, and uniting audiences in a celebration of love. "A roof-raising story of triumph!" - Michael Kuchwara, AP. "A soaring, epic tale. It made a joyful noise in my heart." - Richard Corliss, *TIME* Magazine. "Blessed with talent. A bright odyssey of survival and triumph with a fairy-tale sense of wonder." - Ben Brantley, *New York Times*.



CHICAGO THE MUSICAL

November 10-15, 2009

"CHICAGO still glitters hypnotically." - Ben Brantley, *The New York Times*. There's never been a better time to experience **CHICAGO**, Broadway's razzle-dazzle smash. This triumphant hit musical is the recipient of six Tony Awards®, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy® and thousands of standing ovations. A sensational tale of sin, corruption and all that jazz, it's no surprise that **CHICAGO** has wowed audiences from Mexico City to Moscow, from Sao Paulo to South Africa. And now it's coming to your town! If you're looking for your first Broadway musical **CHICAGO** has everything you could want: knockout dancing, an edge-of-your-seat story and one showstopper after another. If you loved the Academy Award®-winning film, nothing beats the live show, and if you are already intimately acquainted with the musical, experience that sizzle again, **CHICAGO** always delivers. Come on, babe! Head to **CHICAGO**. We're hotter than ever.



CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

December 8-13, 2009

From the creators of the groundbreaking Broadway hit, **CIRQUE DREAMS JUNGLE FANTASY**, comes a new holiday musical of season's dreamings hailed by the *New York Daily News* as..."charm, sparkle and talent by the sleighload" and "a jaw dropping winter wonderland" by the *Atlantic City Press*. Created and directed by Neil Goldberg, **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** is an original new musical extravaganza filled with spectacle, imagination and whimsical dreams. Ornaments come to life as costumed characters who perform astonishing feats that celebrate the holiday season and showcase pageantry, ingenuity and breathtaking artistry. An international cast of acrobats, aerialists, singers, dancers and musicians fill this Cirque Dream on stage, in the air and while dangling from a 24 foot tall magical tree. Add to that the pomp, cirque-umstance and amazement of gingerbread men flipping through the air, toy soldiers skillfully marching on thin wires, snowmen daringly balancing, icemen sculpting powerfully, penguins spinning, puppets caroling and reindeer soaring high above a landscape of holiday wonderment and you will see why **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** makes the perfect gift of entertainment. With over 100 dazzling costumes, an original musical score and some holiday favorites, **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** will have audiences of all ages mesmerized with its memorable tribute to the holiday season.



SPRING AWAKENING

February 9-14, 2010

Broadway's most talked about new musical is now the biggest Tony Award Winner in years. **SPRING AWAKENING** is the groundbreaking fusion of morality, sexuality and rock & roll that has awakened Broadway like no other musical in years. Winner of 8 Tony Awards including best musical, **SPRING AWAKENING** celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with a power, a poignancy and a passion you will never forget. We agree with the *NY Times* "Broadway may never be the same again!" "Haunting and electrifying!" This brave new musical has a shivery sensual allure unmatched by anything in the theatre right now." - Charles Isherwood, *The New York Times*. "A groundbreaking jolt of genius!" - Clive Barnes, *NY Post*.



GREASE

March 16-21, 2010

The one that you want is back! **GREASE**, *Time Magazine's* 2007 pick for "#1 musical of the year," is rockin' across the country in this new production direct from Broadway. Take a trip to a simpler time of poodle skirts, drive-ins, and T-birds. "Bad boy" Danny and "the girl next door" Sandy fall in love all over again to the tune of your favorite songs: "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'" and "We Go Together" as well as additional songs from the hit movie: "Grease," "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and "You're the One That I Want." So throw your mittens around your kittens and Hand Jive the night away with the show that'll make you want to stand up and shout, "A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop A-wop-bam-boom!" **GREASE!**

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