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**SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE
In The Heights
at The SDMT Stage**

San Diego Musical Theatre is thrilled to announce the highly acclaimed musical *In The Heights*, performing May 6 - June 5, 2022 on The SDMT Stage.

In The Heights broke new ground on Broadway in 2008 with its salsa rhythms, Latin pop sounds and rapped lyrics of the show that helped it quickly win national recognition. It was nominated for thirteen Tony Awards and won Best Musical, Best Choreography, Best Orchestrations, and Best Score, earning creator Lin-Manuel Miranda a place in history as the youngest composer ever to win.

Set around Fourth of July celebrations in the primarily Hispanic neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City, "In the Heights" tells the universal stories of three generations living in this vibrant community. Their neighborhood is on the brink of change, and the characters sing about their hopes and struggles. These songs tell audiences about the dreams of first-generation college student Nina Rosario; Abuela Claudia, who left her home country of Cuba as a child; Usnavi de la Vega and Daniela, who fight to keep their small businesses open as the neighborhood faces gentrification; and many others. Each character negotiates which traditions are important for them to keep and which ones they should leave behind.

In the Heights will be directed by seasoned director, choreographer and producer, Carlos Mendoza. Mendoza, who spent his early years in Colombia, South America, has won several awards particularly Mary Jane Teal Award for his production of *In the Heights* at Music Theatre Wichita, San Diego Critics Circle Awards for his productions of *In the Heights* for the Moonlight Stage and the Inland Theatre League Award for Choreography for his production of *In the Heights* at Performance Riverside.