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SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE “CRAZY FOR YOU”

San Diego Musical Theatre is thrilled to start the 2019 season with CRAZY FOR YOU. This classic Gershwin musical comedy tells the story of young New York banker Bobby Child, who is sent to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on a rundown theatre. In Deadrock, Bobby falls for spunky Polly Baker, the theater owner’s daughter. But Polly takes an instant dislike to the city slicker, so Bobby vows – through cunning, razzmatazz, and a hilarious case of mistaken identity – to win Polly’s heart and save the theatre.

“We really look forward to bringing this big tap musical to San Diego audiences”, says Artistic Director, Jill Townsend. “It’s the one percussive dance style that was born here in America and I grew up watching Hollywood film stars like Gene Kelly, Ann Miller and the Nicholas Brothers. Tap has always been a big part of my life and I love to share the joy that a big tap number gives me with our community!”

At San Diego Musical Theatre we love the opportunity to showcase big ritzy musical theatre shows. Being the only year round musical theatre company in San Diego allows us to relish in big productions like Crazy For You. This show brings a classic blend of music, laughter, dancing, sentiment and showmanship to the SDMT stage like never before with favorite musical numbers like “Someone To Watch Over Me”, “Embraceable You” and amazing show stoppers like “Slap That Bass” and “I’ve Got Rhythm”. Music and lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin make this musical our most requested musical by our season subscribers.

Kirsten Chandler and Jill Gorrie make up the core of our creative team and are thrilled to be a part of this exciting production. They plan to bring this tap tastic musical to new heights on the SDMT stage.

“I think with a classic show like “Crazy for You”, the trick for me is to honor the nostalgia of the show- which is important- you certainly wouldn’t want a director to re-conceptualize it as a dystopian drama! Yet I also want to find my own unique “quirk”, and I think that will lie in the humor. “Crazy for You” has some really funny moments, and I always have the most devilish fun with those.” Kirsten Chandler, Director.

“Susan Stroman is one of the greatest musical theatre choreographers of all time and a true inspiration in all of my work, so when I was asked to choreograph “Crazy for You” for SDMT, I was not only excited, but honored. Early on in my career as a dancer, I was fortunate to learn and perform the original “Crazy For You” choreography. There are numbers in the show (especially “I’ve Got Rhythm” and “Slap That Bass”) in which Stroman created choreography using props with such cleverness, that they’ve become iconic moments in the historical timeline of musical theatre. I will certainly be honoring those great moments, however, I won’t be re-setting Stroman’s choreography from the 1992 original production. I look forward to creating new dance steps for our production.” Jill Gorrie, Choreographer.

The creative team for **CRAZY FOR YOU** includes: Kirsten Chandler (Director), Jill Gorrie (Choreographer), Don LeMaster (Music Director), Dwight Richard Odle & Mathys Herbert (Set Design), Michelle Miles (Lighting Design), Kevin Anthenill (Sound Design), Janet Pitcher (Costume Design), Peter Herman (Wig/Hair Design), Heather Longfellow & Kendell Northrop (Properties Design), Amy Funder (Stage Manager).

The **CRAZY FOR YOU** cast includes: Jeffrey Scott Parsons* (Bobby Child), Tayler Mettra (Polly Baker), David McBean* (Bella Zangler), Kelly Derouin (Irene Roth), Edward Chamberlain, Katie Gucik, Richard Van Slyke, Donny Gersonde, Isaac Jackson, Jonathan Sangster, Austin Wright, Matthew Ryan, Alex Nemiroski, Luke Harvey Jacobs, Kylie Molnar, Madeline Edwards, Andrea Williams, Carly Michelle Walton, Emma Nossal, Kiara Geolina, Alison Teague.

*Indicates member of Actors Equity Union

Performances for **CRAZY FOR YOU** run February 1 through March 3, 2019 at the Horton Grand Theatre in San Diego's Gaslamp district. For more information on **CRAZY FOR YOU** and SDMT's 2019 Season, call the box office at (858) 560-5740 or visit www.sdmt.org.

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CRAZY FOR YOU FACT SHEET

What: *Crazy For You*

Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin

Book by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Kirsten Chandler

Choreography by Jill Gorrie

Musical Direction by Don LeMaster

When: February 1 - March 3 2019

Press Opening: Saturday, February 2, at 8:00 PM

Closing: Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 PM

Performance Schedule:

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Thursdays at 7:30 PM

Fridays at 8:00 PM

Saturdays at 8:00 PM

Sundays at 2:00 PM

Where: The Horton Grand Theatre - 444 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101

Who:

Director: **Kirsten Chandler**

Choreographer: **Jill Gorrie**

Music Director: **Don LeMaster**

Set Design: **Dwight Richard Odle & Mathys Herbert**

Lighting Design: **Michelle Miles**

Sound Design: **Kevin Anthenill**

Costume Design: **Janet Pitcher**

Wig & Hair Design: **Peter Herman**

Properties: **Heather Longfellow & Kendall Northrop**

Production Manager: **Neil Dale**

Technical Director: **Steve Longfellow**

Stage Manager: **Amy Funder**

Cast:

Jeffrey Scott Parsons* (Bobby Child)

Taylor Mettra (Polly Baker)

David McBean* (Bella Zangler)

Kelly Derouin (Irene)

Edward Chamberlain, Katie Gucik, Richard Van Slyke, Donny Gersonde, Isaac Jackson, Jonathan Sangster, Austin Wright, Matthew Ryan, Alex Nemiroski, Luke Harvey Jacobs, Kylie Molnar, Madeline Edwards, Andrea Williams, Carly Michelle Walton, Emma Nossal, Kiara Geolina, Alison Teague.

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Ticket Information:

Tickets range from \$30 - \$70. Tickets for *Crazy For You* are on sale now.

Box Office Information:

Phone: 858-560-5740

Online: www.sdmtd.org

In Person: Tickets can be purchased at SDMT's Administrative Office located at 4650 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111.

Website: www.sdmtd.org

ABOUT SDMT

Founded in 2006, San Diego Musical Theatre is dedicated to passionately producing and providing musical theatre that ignites the human spirit.

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