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She Loves Me
at the Horton Grand Theatre

This year San Diego Musical Theatre opens the 2020 season with a show to deliver on old world charm and affairs of the heart. From the creative team behind *Fiddler on the Roof* and based on a play that became both the Jimmy Stewart movie, *The Shop Around the Corner* and the '90s classic *You've Got Mail*, ***She Loves Me*** is a charming romantic comedy about idealism and the promise of true love, guaranteed to lift your spirits and leave you grinning.

Set in a 1930s European perfumery, we meet shop clerks, Amalia and Georg, who, more often than not, don't see eye to eye. After both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper, they now live for the love letters that they exchange, but the identity of their admirers remains unknown.

She Loves Me was nominated for five Tony Awards in 1964. The 1993 Broadway revival won the Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival of a Musical and the 1994 Critics Circle Award for Best Musical. *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance.

This heart-warming musical will be musically led by critically acclaimed, Don LeMaster but welcomes some new creative experts to the team including Director Richard Israel and Lauren Haughton. Richard Israel has been a member of the Los Angeles theatre community for over 20

years and is the recipient of the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Milton Katselas Award for Career Achievement in Direction, as well as multiple LA Stage Alliance Ovation Awards. During the past 10 years, Richard has directed a wide array of plays, musicals and new works but he is particularly excited to be a part of this show!

“She Loves Me is a classic of American musical theatre - and it's truly in the top tier of the genre. It's been a bucket list show of mine for years - having seen multiple productions, and even appeared in a production in LA, I am drawn to the sheer joy of the storytelling. She Loves Me is a musical that appeals directly to the heart, and it's a beautifully wrought valentine to the highs and lows of human relationships. Bock, Harnick and Masteroff use the art of musical theatre to bring us into the story with great gentleness and sweetness, and I look forward to sharing that joy with our audience.”

Also joining the team for the first time is Choreographer, Lauren Haughton. Lauren has directed, choreographed, and produced concerts for Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS and traveled across the country with the Broadway National Tours of Wicked, Hamilton, Beautiful, and The Book of Mormon. She brings her expertise to the creative team to share a story she believes is worth telling.

“In the secrecy of George and Amalia's love, we see how love and attraction is not just about the physical. Their relationship is based on the words in their anonymous letters. We see two people who fall in love because of who they are, not what they look like or what they do. This is a universally human story: to be loved for who you are on the inside. It will never grow old or stop being relatable.”

The music for *She Loves Me* was part of our inspiration in picking this musical to open the season. It is reminiscent of the old MGM comedy musicals and is truly some of the best Harnick and Bock compositional writing. All the songs are enchanting little gems. There are fun comedy numbers along with sweeping romantic ballads that you just find yourself humming as you leave the theater.

We hope you enjoy a romantic start to the year!

***She Loves Me* FACT SHEET**

What: *She loves Me*

Book by: Joe Masteroff

Music by: Jerry Bock

Lyrics by: Sheldon Harnick

Director: Richard Israel

Choreographer/AD: Lauren Haughton

Music Director: Don LeMaster

When: February 7th - March 8th

Press Opening: February 8th at 8:00 PM

Closing: Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 PM

Performance Schedule:

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Thursdays at 7 pm

Fridays at 8 pm

Saturdays at 8:00 pm

Sundays at 2:00 pm

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

She Loves me CAST

Allison Spratt Pearce*-Amalia Balash

Joshua David Cavanaugh-Georg Nowack

Sami Nye-Ilona Ritter

David Sasik*-Steven Kodaly

Jeffrey Arnold Wolf*-Mr. Maraczek

Steven Freitas-Ladislav Sipos

Lucas Blankenhorn-Arpad Laszlo

Dylan Pass-Headwaiter

Christopher Szabo-Mr. Keller

Wyatt Rhinehart-Busboy

Cassie Bleher-Ensemble

Morgan Carberry-Ensemble

Alexa Querin-Ensemble

Chase Fischer-Ensemble
Evan Borboa-Ensemble
Aaron Jerry Skipper-Ensemble

*Indicates member of Actor's Equity Association

Creative Team:

Director - Richard Israel
Choreographer - Lauren Haughton
Music Director - Don LeMaster
Set Design - Mike Buckley
Lighting Design - Michelle Miles
Sound Design - Jon Fredette
Costume Design - Janet Pitcher
Property Master - Heather Longfellow
Wig & Hair Design - Peter Herman
Stage Manager - Hannah May*
ASM - Paul Morgavo

Ticket Information:

Tickets range from \$30 - \$70. Tickets for *She Loves Me* are on sale now.

Box Office Information:

Phone: 858-560-5740

Online: www.sdmt.org

In Person: Tickets can be purchased at SDMT's Administrative Office located at 4650 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111. Also, one hour prior to performance at the Horton Grand Theatre.

Website: www.sdmt.org

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