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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.

*In The Heights* is a beautiful and colorful musical featuring the energetic and powerful music of Lin-Manuel Miranda. It centers in Washington Heights, where we meet a vibrant mix of characters. More than any other, this musical teaches us that community and family matter; it reminds us that family is more than blood. Moreover, hoping and dreaming is essential to life. It celebrates Love, Hispanic culture, and its impact on our global community,” said Mendoza.

*In The Heights* Choreographer, Laurie Muñiz, is the Artistic Director of Contemporary Arte In Movement and is the Musical Theater Dance Instructor at The San Gabriel California School Of The Arts and the Modern Dance Instructor at EveryBody Dance L.A.

Muñiz abbreviated stage and choreography credits include: *In The Heights* Performance Riverside (Assistant Choreographer, Dancer). *In The Heights* Moonlight Amphitheater (Assistant Choreographer, Dancer), *In The Heights* Associate Choreographer with Music Theater Wichita, *In The Heights* (CO- Choreographer) with Pasadena City College, *In The Heights* (Associate Choreographer) Lewis Family Playhouse and *In The Heights* (Associate Choreographer) Candlelight Pavilion Theater.

“At a time when dreams seem out of reach, *In The Heights* reminds us that with hope, patience, faith, hard work, love and community anything is possible. Through storytelling, song and dance, we celebrate our elders, our barrios and our futures. We celebrate our Latinx heritage and the passing on of stories and traditions across generations.” said Muñiz. “As a community, I say to you: Alza la bandera with pride, ganas and lots of amor.”

“We are thrilled to authentically tell this beautiful story with a Colombian director, a Mexican choreographer and music director, and a diverse cast from either Puerto Rico, Mexico, Colombia, Salvador sprinkled with other wonderful ethnicities,” said Jill Townsend, Artistic Director for San Diego Musical Theatre. “With all the current global turmoil, this show reminds us how much our family, and our community, really matters.”

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## ***In The Heights* FACT SHEET**

### **What: *In the Heights***

Book: Quiara Alegria Hudes

Music and Lyrics: Lin-Manuel Miranda

Conceived: Lin-Manuel Miranda

**Director:** Carlos Mendoza

**Choreographer:** Laurie Muñiz

**Music Director:** Richard Dueñez Morrison

**When:** May 6th - June 5th

**Press Opening:** May 7th at 8:00 PM

**Closing:** Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 PM

### **Performance Schedule:**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Fridays at 8:00 pm

Saturdays at 3:00 and 8:00 pm

Sundays at 2:00 pm

**Where: The SDMT Stage** - 4650 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111

***In The Heights* CAST** Headshots & Bios:

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**Sebastian Montenegro** -Usnavi

**Arianna Vila** -Vanessa

**Jordan Markus** -Benny

**Vanessa Orozco** -Nina

**Berto Fernández** -Kevin

**Daisy Martínez** -Camila

**Analía Romero** -Abuela Claudia

**Lena Ceja** -Daniela

**Liliana Rodriguez** -Carla

**Charlie Orozco** -Sonny

**Ramiro Garcia Jr.** -Piragua Guy

**Tommy Tran** -Graffiti Pete

**Wes Dameron** -Ensemble

**Brian Osuna** – Ensemble

**Domo D'dante** - Ensemble  
**Jamaelya** - Ensemble  
**Destiny Denny** - Ensemble  
**Brianna Muñiz** - Ensemble  
**Shantal Vella** - Ensemble  
**Tina Robin** - Ensemble  
**Adelaida Martínez** - Ensemble  
**Melba Novoa** - Ensemble  
**Edwin Rodriguez** - Ensemble

**Creative Team:** Headshots & Bios

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**Director:** Carlos Mendoza

**Choreographer:** Laurie Muñiz

**Music Director:** Richard Dueñez Morrison

**Set Design** - Mathys Herbert

**Lighting Design** - Michelle Miles

**Sound Design** - Derek Brener

**Costume Design** - Janet Pitcher

**Property Master** - Heather Longfellow

**Wig & Hair Design** – Albee Alvarado

**Stage Manager** - Paul Morgavo

**Ticket Information:**

Tickets range from \$40-\$75. Tickets for *In The Heights* are on sale now.

**Box Office Information:**

Phone: 858-560-5740

Online: [www.sdmtd.org](http://www.sdmtd.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 SDMT Stage.

**Website:** [www.sdmtd.org](http://www.sdmtd.org)

**ABOUT SDMT** - Founded in 2006, San Diego Musical Theatre Mission Statement:  
*Musical theatre is the only truly American art form, other than Jazz. San Diego Musical Theatre, as the only local, year-round musical theatre organization in San Diego, is driven by a passion for musical theatre, a passion to celebrate this art form with others and a passion to pass this American tradition on to the next generation, by producing musicals that ignite the human spirit.*