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TICKETS GO ON SALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 10 A.M.!



**THE FOUR-TIME TONY AWARD®-WINNING NEW MUSICAL
IS STARTIN' SOMETHIN' IN HOUSTON
NOVEMBER 14 – 19
AT THE HOBBY CENTER**

*"MJ IS A RUNAWAY HIT!"
Peter Marks, *The Washington Post**

*"A GORGEOUSLY EXECUTED, BRILLIANTLY CHOREOGRAPHED CELEBRATION."
Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune**

WHO: Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center
WHAT: *MJ*
WHEN: November 14–19, 2023
Tues – Thurs at 7:30 pm | Fri at 8 pm | Sat at 2 & 8 pm | Sun at 1:30 & 7 pm
WHERE: The Hobby Center | 800 Bagby Street | Houston, TX 77002
TICKETS: Start at \$40. Available online at www.TheHobbyCenter.org or
www.BroadwayAtTheHobbyCenter.com, and in person at the Hobby Center Box Office (800

Bagby, Houston, TX 77002). Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. Call (888) 451-5986 or e-mail houston.groups@broadwayacrossamerica.com.

Houston, TX – Producers Lia Vollack, John Branca, John McClain and **Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center** announce that single tickets for the smash-hit musical, ***MJ***, will go on sale to the general public Friday, August 11 at 10 a.m. ***MJ*** makes its Texas premiere **November 14 – 19, 2023** at the **Hobby Center**.

He is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. Now, Michael Jackson’s unique and unparalleled artistry comes to Houston as ***MJ***, the multi-Tony Award®-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour, begins a tour of its own. Created by Tony Award®-winning Director/Choreographer **Christopher Wheeldon** and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner **Lynn Nottage**, ***MJ*** goes beyond the singular moves and signature sound of the star, offering a rare look at the creative mind and collaborative spirit that catapulted Michael Jackson into legendary status.

Roman Banks (Broadway’s *Dear Evan Hansen* and “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series”) will play the title role of ‘MJ’. Joining him in the First National Tour cast will be **Jamaal Fields-Green** (MJ – Alternate), **Brandon Lee Harris** (Michael), **Josiah Benson** (Little Michael), **Ethan Joseph** (Little Michael), **Devin Bowles** (Joseph Jackson/Rob), **Mary Kate Moore** (Rachel), **J. Daughtry** (Berry Gordy/Nick), **Josh A. Dawson** (Tito Jackson/Quincy Jones), **Jaylen Lyndon Hunter** (Little Marlon), **Matt Loehr** (Dave), **Da’Von T. Moody** (Alejandro) and **Anastasia Talley** (Katherine Jackson/Kate).

The ensemble includes **Jojo Carmichael** (Swing/ Assistant Dance Captain), **Croix Dilenno** (Ensemble), **Kellie Drobnick** (Ensemble), **Kyle DuPree** (Swing/Dance Captain), **Zuri Noelle Ford** (Swing), **Jahir L. Hipps** (Swing), **Bryson Jacobi Jackson** (Jermaine Jackson/Ensemble), **Rajané Katurah** (Swing), **Jordan Markus** (MJ/Michael understudy), **Matteo Marretta** (Ensemble), **Janayé McAlpine** (Ensemble), **Jay McKenzie** (Jackie Jackson/Ensemble), **Kendrick Mitchell** (Swing), **Chelsea Mitchell-Bonsu** (Ensemble), **Zion Pradier** (Swing), **Ayla Stackhouse** (Swing), **Brion Marquis Watson** (Marlon Jackson/Ensemble), **Charles P. Way** (Swing) and **Malcolm Miles Young** (Randy Jackson/Ensemble).

The ***MJ*** creative team features Scenic Design by two-time Tony and Emmy Award winner **Derek McLane**, Lighting Design by seven-time Tony Award winner **Natasha Katz**, Costume Design by Tony and Emmy Award winner **Paul Tazewell**, Sound Design by Tony Award winner **Gareth Owen**, Projection Design by two-time Tony Award nominee **Peter Nigrini**, Hair & Wig Design by two-time Emmy Award nominee **Charles G. LaPointe** and Makeup Design by Emmy nominee **Joe Dulude II**. The creative team also features Musical Supervision by Tony Award nominee **David Holcenberg**, Orchestrations and Arrangements by **David Holcenberg** and Tony Award winner **Jason Michael Webb**, and Music Direction by **Victor Simonson**. Casting by **The Telsey Office / Rachel Hoffman, CSA, Lindsay Levine, CSA**.

The ***MJ*** First National Tour is general managed by **Bespoke Theatricals**. The stage management team is led by Production Stage Manager **Shawn Pennington**, Stage Manager **Geoff Maus** and Assistant Stage Managers **Maya Bhatnagar** and **Nia J. Blizzard**. The company management team is led by Company Manager **Justin T. Scholl** and Assistant Company Manager **Tameka Sadler**.

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