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Complete Casting and Creative Teams Announced for the Last Three Plays in Milwaukee Repertory Theater 2023/24 Season The Chosen, Piano Men 2, and Nina Simone: Four Women

January 25, 2024 [Milwaukee, WI] - <u>Milwaukee Rep</u> announced complete casting and creative teams for *The Chosen, Piano Men 2* and *Nina Simone: Four Women,* the final three plays of the theater's 70th Anniversary Season.

The Chosen, adapted by **Aaron Posner** and **Chaim Potok**, runs March 5 – 31, 2024 in the Quadracci Powerhouse. It brings to life one of the most beloved novels of the 20th century sharing a deeply emotional story of faith, family and friendship. **The Chosen** cast features **Eli Mayer** (*Ride the Cyclone*, Arena Stage) as Reuven Malter, **Ron Orbach** (*Indecent*, Seattle Rep) as Reb Saunders, **Hillel Rosenshine** (*The Lifespan of a Fact*, Elmwood Playhouse) as Danny Saunders and **Steve Routman** (*Killers of a Flower Moon*, dir Martin Scorsese) as David Malter.

The Chosen is directed by **Aaron Posner** (*My Name is Asher Lev, To Kill A Mockingbird,* Milwaukee Rep) with set design by **Daniel Conway** (*The Tempest,* ART), costume design by **Helen Q Huang** (*Mary Stuart,* Milwaukee Rep), lighting design by **Noele Stollmack** (*What the Constitution Means to Me,* Milwaukee Rep), sound design and original music by **Joshua Schmidt** (*Much Ado About Nothing,* Milwaukee Rep), voice and dialect coach **Jill Walmsley Zager** (*Run Bambi Run,* Milwaukee Rep), community consultant **Miryam Rosenzweig** (President and CEO of Milwaukee Jewish Federation) and stage manager **Jade Bruno**.

Next up, *Piano Men 2* returns to the Stackner Cabaret, March 22 – May 19, 2024 with the talented **Kenney Green-Tilford** (*Ain't Misbehavin*, Milwaukee Rep) and **Steve Watts** (*Piano Men, Titanic the Musical* and *I Love a Piano*, Milwaukee Rep). The production transforms the Stackner Cabaret into a sizzling, anything-can-happen Piano Bar where the best of rock, pop, classical, Broadway and more combine to create an unforgettable and unbelievably fun experience.

The final production in the Quadracci Powerhouse is *Nina Simone: Four Women*, April 16 – May 12, 2024. Written by **Christina Ham** and directed by Milwaukee native **Malkia Stampley**, *Nina Simone: Four Women* is a play with music that shines a light on how Nina Simone found her true calling and gave voice to a movement through impactful and inspirational song like "Mississippi Goddam," "Go Limp" and "Sinnerman." The play features **Alexis J Roston** (*Ella*, Milwaukee Rep) as Nina Simone, **Matthew Harris** (*Dreamgirls*, New Theatre) as Sam, **Gabrielle Lott-Rogers** (*Spitfire Grill*, American Blues Theater) as Sarah, **Brittney Mack** (*SIX*, Original Broadway Cast) as Sweet Thing, and **Toni Martin** (*Skeleton Crew*, Westport Country Playhouse) as Sephronia.

Nina Simone: Four Women is directed and co-music directed by **Malkia Stampley** (*Nunsense*, Milwaukee Rep) with choreography by **Marc Wayne**, co-music direction and arrangements by **Pamela Baskin-Watson**, set design by **Shaun Motley** (*Fences*, APT), costume design by **Yvonne L. Miranda** (*Seven Guitars*, Milwaukee Rep), lighting design by **Jason Lynch** (*Choir Boy*, Steppenwolf Theatre), sound design by **Sartje Pickett** (*Love's Labour's Lost*, APT), wig design by **David Zimmerman**, and stage managed by **Jordan-Canon Kruia**.

To purchase tickets to go to www.MilwaukeeRep.com, call the Ticket Office at 414-224-9490 or visit in person at 108 E Wells Street in Downtown Milwaukee.

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