



NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

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NEW VILLAGE ARTS TO PRESENT
LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S NEW YORK WITH ALL-STAR CAST
OUTDOORS AT THE FLOWER FIELDS
Previews June 29 and 30
Performances July 1 through July 31

Carlsbad, CA: (June 1, 2022) New Village Arts (NVA), North County's cultural hub, is proud to be producing this loving tribute to Leonard Bernstein's work as a composer. Conceived and arranged by Broadway conductor, music director and arranger Rob Fisher, *Leonard Bernstein's New York* features memorable songs from WEST SIDE STORY, ON THE TOWN, WONDERFUL TOWN, and many more. The two-character show explores Bernstein's relationship with New York City; his famous New York friends such as Stephen Sondheim, Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Jerome Robbins and Aaron Copland; and the impact that New York had on Bernstein's music, life and relationships.

Kristianne Kurner, NVA's Executive Artistic Director, who is directing the production said, " This is a perfect summer show for our outdoor stage. We meet two exciting performers, one a seasoned New Yorker and one fresh off the bus, who dance and sing their way through the City and take us along for the ride. We are pleased that as Bradley Cooper (a fellow graduate of the Actors Studio Drama

School) is filming his Bernstein biopic MAESTRO in New York, we'll bring a little of the genius's work to San Diego." The two characters will be played by Johnisa Breault, making her NVA debut, and Trevor Rex (previously seen in *Smokey Joes' Café* and *Legally Blonde* with NVA), accompanied by a jazz trio bringing Bernstein's music to life. Director Kurner will be joined by Music Director Van Angelo and Choreographer Jenna Ingrassia-Knox.

"A thrilling tribute to Bernstein conceived by the conductor, pianist and music-theater scholar Rob Fisher." - Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*

LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S NEW YORK

Music by **Leonard Bernstein**

Lyrics by **Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Stephen Sondheim, and Leonard Bernstein**

Conceived and Arranged by **Rob Fisher**

Book by **Rob Fisher, Sammy Buck, and Garth Edwin Sunderland**

Directed by **Kristianne Kurner**

Music Direction by **Van Angelo**

Choreography by **Jenna Ingrassia Knox**

Featuring **Johnisa Breault** and **Trevor Rex**

Previews June 29 & 30

Opening Night July 1 at 7:30pm

Performances continue through July 31

Showtimes: Vary weekly. Usually, Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm. Please visit www.newvillagearts.org for exact dates and showtimes.

Tickets: \$35 - \$40, with discounts available for Seniors, Students, and Active Military. Tickets can be purchased online at www.newvillagearts.org, or via phone at 760.433.3245

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS:

Johnisa Breault is pleased to be making her New Village Arts debut! CREDITS: *On Your Feet!* (Moonlight Ampitheatre), *Catch Me If You Can* (San Diego Musical Theatre - Dance Captain), *Hello, Dolly!* (3-D Theatricals - Minnie Fay), *Oklahoma!* (3-D Theatricals), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (OCSA - Janet van de Graaff), *Seussical* (Candlelight Pavilion - Bird Girl), *Sister Act* (Broadway at the Gardens - Michelle), *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (OCSA - Helena Landless), *The Little Mermaid* (Chance Theater - Arista), *Beauty and the Beast* (Chance Theater - Silly Girl), *Fame!* (La Habra Depot - Serena Katz). Orange County School of the Arts - Musical Theatre Alumna. Lots of love to her family, friends, cast, and crew! IG: @johnisabro Johnisa.com

Trevor Rex is so excited to be back on the NVA stage here at The Flower Fields! Originally from Porter, Texas, he studied at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York and is currently pursuing a BA in Anthropology from Arizona State University.

Credits: *Cinderella* (Moonlight), *A Chorus Line* (Moonlight, Welk Resorts), *A Christmas Story* (SDMT), *Victor/Victoria* (Moonlight), Norwegian Cruise Lines, Oceania Cruises, Holland America Line, *Legally Blonde* and *Smokey Joe's Café* (New Village Arts). Trevor was named the "Dancer of the Decade" by Broadway World in 2021. Instagram - @t.rex.rawr

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Photos will be available on NVA's press page beginning June 10:
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