



# NEW VILLAGE ARTS

MEDIA ALERT

**New Village Arts Presents  
Beloved Musical Comedy  
Singin' In The Rain  
May 12 to July 2, 2023**

*For immediate release: April 10, 2023*

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Carlsbad, CA — [New Village Arts \(NVA\)](#), North County's cultural hub, is ending their twenty-first season, and their first season in the new Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center in Carlsbad, with one of the most beloved and popular movie musicals of all time, SINGIN' IN THE RAIN. Directed by AJ Knox, previews are May 12 to 18 with performances May 20 to July 2 at the Conrad Prebys Theatre in Carlsbad.

"I am thrilled to be returning to New Village Arts to direct SINGIN' IN THE RAIN," said director AJ Knox, who previously directed LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, MURDER FOR TWO, and AVENUE Q for NVA. "We had originally planned for this show back in 2020, and after three long years, it's finally here."

Faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green from their original award-winning screenplay, each unforgettable scene, song, and dance from the movie is accounted for, including the showstopping title number. Fans of the movie and the musical can expect a new twist on this musical and dance classic in this ensemble production as conceived by Knox and the team at New Village Arts. "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN is one of my all-time favorite films. I see it as a love letter to movies and theatre, and I cannot wait to share our unique approach to this production," said Knox.

The cast includes Anthony Michael Vacio as Don Lockwood, Emma Nossal as Kathy Selden, and Xavier J. Bush as Cosmo Brown. All three make their mainstage NVA debuts with SINGIN'

IN THE RAIN. Also featured in the cast are Kiara Hudlin as RF Simpson, Nick Siljander as Roscoe Dexter, and Audrey Ward as Lina Lamont. The Ensemble members are Hunter Brown, Kaia Bulger, Marcy Ledvinka, Olivia Pence, Cara Tafolla and Kylie Young. Bulger and Pence will also be understudies and Jose Emanuel Prete is the Ensemble Swing.

*“There is not movie musical more fun than Singin’ in the Rain...a transcendent experience no one who loves movies can afford to miss it!” -Roger Ebert*

SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN will be performed at the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center’s Conrad Prebys Theatre, 2787 State Street in Carlsbad Village. Directed by AJ Knox with choreography by [ name here] Previews are May 12- 18, with performances May 20 to July 2.

**SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN**

Screenplay by Betty Comden & Adolf Green

Songs by Nacio Herb Brown & Arthur Freed

Directed by AJ Knox

Co-Music Direction by Nina Gilbert and Korrie Yamaoka

Co-Choreography by Katie Banville and Jenna Ingrassia-Knox.

Based on the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film, by special arrangement with Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Inc.

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**Cast**

Anthony Michael Vacio (he/him)	Don Lockwood
Emma Nossal (she/her)	Kathy Selden
Xavier J. Bush (they/he)	Cosmo Brown
Audrey Ward (she/her)	Lina Lamont
Kiara Hudlin (she/her)	RF Simpson
Nick Siljander (he/him)	Roscoe Dexter
Olivia Pence (she/her)	Ensemble/Understudy Lina & Kathy
Cara Tafolla (she/her)	Ensemble
Kylie Young (she/her)	Ensemble
Marcy Ledvinka (she/her)	Ensemble
Hunter Brown (they/them)	Ensemble
Kaia Bulger (he/him)	Ensemble/Cosmo Understudy
Joe Prete (he/him)	Swing

**Creative Team**

AJ Knox	Director
Nina Gilbert	Co-Music Director
Korrie Yamaoka	Co-Music Director
Katie Banville	Co-Choreographer
Jenna Ingrassia-Knox	Co-Choreographer
Nathan Waits	Stage Manager
Annelise Salazar	Lighting Designer
Ethan Eldred	Projection Designer
Kristianne Kurner	Scenic Designer
Marcus Rico	Sound Designer
Amanda Quivey	Costume Designer
Paige Oberholtzer	Assistant Costume Designer
Missy Bradstreet	Wig and Makeup Designer

**Season Sponsors:**

The Conrad Prebys Foundation and Jazzercise

**Production Sponsors:**

Loftin | Bedell Firm, Elevo Learning, and County of San Diego's Board of Supervisors Community Enhancement Grant

**Artist Advocates:**

Scott & Donna White, William & Sally Willis, Bret & Joleen Schanzenbach, The Lund Team Inc. Real Estate, Jacques & Tiffany Spitzer, Leslie & Kirt Stephenson, Judy & Michael Woiemberghe, Loftin Bedell, P.C

**Performance Days and Times**

Wednesday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 7:30 p.m.

Fridays: 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays: 2:00 p.m.

## **Tickets and Subscriptions**

Preview tickets are \$30

Single tickets are \$50 General; \$41 for Seniors and Military; \$28 for Students with ID

Dinner and a Show Package \$102

Discounts are available for groups of ten or more.

Details and tickets: [www.newvillagearts.org](http://www.newvillagearts.org). or 760-284-4393

## **COVID Safety Protocols**

The COVID-19 virus is classified as endemic and San Diego County is at the lowest transmission level since the onset of COVID. We will no longer require proof of vaccination, a negative test or mandatory masking to attend a New Village Arts event.

## **About New Village Arts**

Celebrating 21 years of award-winning professional theatre and thriving education and outreach programs, New Village Arts (NVA) has truly become the cultural hub of North County San Diego.

NVA attracts more than 20,000 patrons each year to experience professional theatre, musical and art events in the heart of Carlsbad Village. In addition to full seasons of plays and musicals featuring some of the best artistic talent in Southern California, NVA hosts talkback discussions and other supplementary events designed to create conversation and cultivate community. In addition, the Next Stage in the Dea Hurston New Village Arts Center presents a series of music and spoken word events throughout the year. NVA offers robust theatre programs in partnership with local schools and strongly believes that theatre and arts experiences should be accessible to ALL people, becoming a recognized leader in equity, diversity, and inclusion in San Diego. NVA has been fortunate to receive support from the City of Carlsbad and other local businesses, who recognize the importance of a resident professional theatre company as a crucial component of an inclusive and creative community. In turn NVA prioritizes serving its community by presenting works that respect its diversity, engaging every citizen with relevant and inspiring stories.

New Village Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization listed under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS.

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