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MUNY ANNOUNCES 42nd STREET CAST

ST. LOUIS, MO (May 19, 2016) – The Muny announced today the complete cast for its production of 42^{nd} Street directed and choreographed by Denis Jones and music directed by Ben Whiteley.

"What a thrilling company for this most classic of classic Broadway stories," says Muny Artistic Director and Executive Producer Mike Isaacson. "I can't wait to see them share the magic of this great American musical on our stage."

Joining the previously announced Shuler Hensley (Julian Marsh), Emily Skinner (Dorothy Brock), Jay Armstrong Johnson (Billy Lawlor), Jonalyn Saxer (Peggy Sawyer), Ann Harada (Maggie Jones), Jason Kravits (Bert Barry), Joey Sorge (Pat Denning), Megan Sikora (Annie), Fred Zimmerman (Abner Dillon) and Bryan Thomas Hunt (Andy Lee) are Rich Pisarkiewicz (Oscar) and Patrick Blindauer (Mac/Thug/Doctor). With Darien Crago, KC Fredericks, Casey Garvin, Berklea Going, Joe Grandy, Drew Humphrey, Madison Johnson, Tyler Johnson-Campion, Zachary Daniel Jones, Emily Kelly, Drew King, Dionna Thomas Littleton, Isabelle McCalla, Spencer Davis Milford, Mike Millan, Eliza Ohman, Drew Redington, Kelly Sheehan, Sarah Quinn Taylor, Bethany Ann Tesarck, Jake Vacanti, Amy Van Norstrand, Paige Williams, and John T. Wolfe. The company will also be joined by The Muny kid and teen youth ensembles.

Scenic design is by Michael Schweikardt, with costume design and coordination by Andrea Lauer, lighting design by Rob Denton, sound design by John Shivers and David Patridge, and video design by Matthew Young. Wig design is by Leah J. Loukas and the production stage manager is Laurie Goldfeder. 42^{nd} Street is proudly sponsored by BMO Harris Bank.

About The Show:

Set in the 1930's, 42nd Street is one of the boldest musicals in Broadway history. It tells the story of a young dancer named Peggy Sawyer and her ambitious desire to be a star. She leaves her Allentown, Pennsylvania home and lands in New York with hopes of being cast in director Julian

Marsh's new Broadway production. She finds herself front and center after the leading lady breaks her ankle, and is thrust into stardom. With a book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble, music by Harry Warren and lyrics by Al Dubin, this show is sure to "tap" into the hearts of The Muny audience.

The seven shows in the 2016 Muny season are: **The Wizard of Oz** (June 13 – 22), **42**^{*nd*} **Street** (June 24 – 30), **The Music Man** (July 5 – 11), **Young Frankenstein** (July 13 – 19), **Mamma Mia!**(July 21 – 28), **Fiddler on the Roof** (July 30 – August 5), and Elton John and Tim Rice's **Aida** (August 8 –14). For more information visit muny.org.

Season tickets are on sale now. Single tickets go on sale May 28, 2016.

World Wide Technology (WWT) and The Steward Family Foundation have once again made a leadership gift to continue as the Muny's 2016 Season Presenting Sponsor. They became the first overall season sponsor in the 98-year history of The Muny in 2014 and will continue in that role through 2016.

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