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TONY AWARD® WINNER JESSIE MUELLER AND SIRIUS XM RADIO STAR SETH RUDETSKY LAUNCH THE NEW SEASON OF THE BROADWAY CONCERT SERIES AT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Mark Cortale present Tony Award® winner **Jessie Mueller** and Sirius XM Radio star **Seth Rudetsky** in the Broadway Concert Series at Parker Playhouse on **Saturday**, **January 12 at 8 p.m.**

A seamless mix of intimate behind-the-scenes stories prompted by Rudetsky's insightful, funny and revealing questions combined with the music from Mueller's stellar career promises to deliver a spontaneous evening of show-stopping songs and hilarity.

Mueller most recently starred on Broadway in the revival of *Carousel*, receiving a Tony nomination for her performance as Julie Jordan opposite Joshua Henry. Prior to that, she originated the role of Jenna Hunterson in composer-lyricist Sara Bareilles' hit Broadway musical <u>Waitress</u> for which Mueller was nominated for a Tony, Drama Desk and Grammy award. She earned all three for her starring role as Carole King in <u>Beautiful-The Carole King Musical</u>.

Other major Broadway credits include Nice Work if You Can Get It, The Mystery Of Edwin Drood (Drama Desk nomination) and Mueller's Broadway debut as Melinda in On A Clear Day You Can See Forever opposite Harry Connick, Jr. (Tony and Drama Desk nominations). She portrayed Carrie Pipperidge in the New York Philharmonic's staged concert production of Carousel at Lincoln Center, and was a part of Carnegie Hall's family concert series, Take the Stage with Broadway Stars.

Mueller began her career in Chicago and was named Actor of the Year in 2011 by The Chicago Tribune. Four years later she received Chicago's prestigious Sarah Siddons Society Award. Recently she collaborated on <u>Broadway for Orlando's</u> What the World Needs Now benefiting our brothers and sisters in Orlando.

Rudetsky is the afternoon host on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio's On Broadway as well as the host of Seth Speaks on Sirius/XM Stars. As an author, he penned My Awesome/Awful Popularity Plan and the sequel The Rise And Fall Of A Theater Geek (Random House) as well as three volumes of Seth's Broadway Diary featuring inside scoop and hilarious stories from all of the stars he's worked with. He co-wrote and co-starred in Disaster! (New York Times "critics pick") which also premiered to rave reviews in London.

In June 2016, Rudetsky and his husband, James Wesley, co-produced a recording of "What The World Needs Now" with stars including Idina Menzel, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Carole King and Audra McDonald which went to number one on iTunes and raised more than \$100,000 for the Orlando shooting victims (and is still raising money. Buy it!).

All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

The couple have a foundation called "Your Kids Our Kids" that presented "Concert For America;" a series around the country featuring stars such as Barry Manilow, Stephanie Mills, Vanessa Williams, Tina Fey, Randy Rainbow and Audra MacDonald that raised money for five non-profits that have been working relentlessly since the 2016 presidential election. They also present "Voices for The Voiceless," a yearly star-studded concert for You Gotta Believe which helps older foster children find families, even if they've aged out of the system.

Theater fans can also hang out with Rudetsky, Wesley and a bunch of Broadway stars as they perform up a storm, on cruises: in March 2019 they're sailing to the Caribbean and in July they're sailing to Alaska (SethsBroadwayVacations.com).

The series continues with **Sierra Boggess** and **Ramin Karimloo**, Broadway's original Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and a frequent Christine Daaé in *Phantom of the Opera* and its sequel *Love Never Dies* together with Tony and Olivier Award Nominee and star of Broadway's *Anastasia*, *Les Misérables* and *The Phantom of the Opera* (February 8); and **Adam Pascal**, star of the original Broadway cast of *Rent* (March 24).

Tickets to each concert are \$37-\$67 with \$123 VIP tickets which include a post-show meet and greet with the artists.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of Parker Playhouse. Buy tickets online at ParkerPlayhouse.com and Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222; in person at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. The Broward Center 2018-2019 season is presented by the Broward Performing Arts Foundation.

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ABOUT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

The neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.