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**RENT 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR**  
COMING TO FORT LAUDERDALE  
October 7 – 9, 2016

**TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY AUGUST 26, 2016**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida – August 12, 2016.** The producers of the **RENT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** announced today that single tickets for the upcoming tour engagement in Fort Lauderdale will go on sale Friday, August 26, 2016. Tickets will be available at the **Broward Center AutoNation Box Office**, 201 SW Fifth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33312, [browardcenter.org](http://browardcenter.org) or call **954.462.0222**. Orders for groups of ten (10) or more may be placed by calling **954.660.6307**. Ticket prices start at \$35.

In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway... and forever changed the landscape of American theatre. Two decades later, Jonathan Larson's **RENT** continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world. And now, this Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award®-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production. A re-imagining of Puccini's *La Bohème*, **RENT** follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters—love.

The show received its world premiere off-Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop on February 13, 1996 to ecstatic reviews and transferred to Broadway on April 29, 1996. **RENT** is winner of the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize® for Drama. It is one of only five musicals to win both awards.

Based on the original direction by **Michael Greif** (Tony® and Drama Desk® Nominations, **RENT**), **Evan Ensign** will restage this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour. **Marlies Yearby** (Tony® Nomination, **RENT**) will serve as choreographer.

The **RENT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** is produced by **Work Light Productions**, whose other touring productions include *Cinderella*, *MAMMA MIA!*, *Motown*, *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* and *Vocalosity*.

Performance schedule for **RENT** at **The Broward Center for the Performing Arts** is:

Friday, October 7 at 8:00pm  
Saturday, October 8 at 2:00pm  
Saturday, October 8 at 8:00pm  
Sunday, October 9 at 1:00pm  
Sunday, October 9 at 6:30pm

## CALENDAR LISTING

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\*All programs, artists, ticket prices, availability, dates and times are subject to change without notice. Additional fees may apply. Visit [www.browardcenter.org](http://www.browardcenter.org) for up-to-date information, details and performance schedules.

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## THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues, consistently ranked among the top ten in the country. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. In 2007, the Broward Center was named the Cultural Embassy of Broward County in recognition of its success in linking cultural activity with the region's economic development.

The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop, and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit [www.BrowardCenter.org](http://www.BrowardCenter.org).

### About Broadway Across America:

**BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA** is part of The John Gore Organization family of companies, which includes [Broadway.com](http://Broadway.com) and is operated by John Gore (Owner & CEO). BAA is the foremost presenter of first-class touring productions in North America, operating in 38 markets. Current and past productions include *Beautiful*, *Chicago*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Finding Neverland*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Hairspray*, *On Your Feet!*, *The Producers*, and *Shuffle Along*. [Broadway.com](http://Broadway.com) is the premier theater website for news, exclusive content and ticket sales. For more information please visit [BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com](http://BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com) and [Broadway.com](http://Broadway.com).

**Florida Theatrical Association** – the non-profit presenter of Broadway in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Miami – was founded with the charge of educating and developing new theater audiences and encouraging and preserving the presentation of touring Broadway theater. Since 1989, Florida Theatrical Association has presented over 1,000 Broadway performances and distributed over \$1.5 million in scholarships and grants to arts organizations across the state of Florida.

## **BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY**

Building on a long-standing tradition of investing in the communities it serves, Bank of America is delivering on a 10-year goal to donate \$2 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the health and vitality of their neighborhoods. Funded by Bank of America, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation gave more than \$200 million in 2010, making the bank one of the largest corporate cash donors in the United States. As a global company serving clients through operations in more than 40 countries, Bank of America approaches investing through a national strategy under which it works with local leaders to identify and meet the most pressing needs of individual communities. Reaffirming a commitment to develop and sustain a culture of service, bank associate volunteers contributed more than one million hours in 2010 to enhance the quality of life in their communities worldwide. For more information about Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy, please visit [www.bankofamerica.com/foundation](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation).