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SLOW BURN THEATRE'S ACCLAIMED SEASON ROLLS ON WITH THE TONY AWARD-WINNING "BIG RIVER"

FORT LAUDERDALE – Slow Burn Theatre Company's blockbuster season continues with the Tony Award-winner for Best Musical *Big River* in the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts **Thursday, March 16 – Sunday, April 2**.

Mark Twain's timeless classic sweeps audiences down the mighty Mississippi when the irrepressible Huck Finn helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River amid hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming adventures.

Winner of seven Tony Awards *Big River* is a brilliantly theatrical celebration of pure Americana propelled by music and lyrics by Roger Miller and book by William Hauptmann. *Time Magazine* reported of the original production that is *Big River* is "a classic American musical with the most fetching score of the decade."

Ricky Cona as Huck and Brian Kinnard as Jim lead a cast that features A.J. Cola, Leigh Green, Cameron Jordan, David Klein, Matthew Korinko, Eric Daniel O'Keefe, Ann Marie Olson, Sahid Pabon, Erin Pittleman, Andre Russell, Leah Sessa, James Skiba, Victor Souffrant, Troy Stanley, Shonda Thurman, Kendra Williams and Elijah Word.

Big River is directed and choreographed by Slow Burn Theatre Artistic Director Patrick Fitzwater and Music Director Manny Schwartzman leads a live band of five musicians. The creative team is scenic designer Sean McClelland, costume designer Rick Pena, lighting designer Becky Montero and sound designer Rich Szczublewski.

Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$47–\$60. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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