ON YOUR FEET! BREAKS RECORDS FOR ACTORS’ PLAYHOUSE WITH THE MOST TICKET SALES IN THEATRE HISTORY

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Miami, FL (March 30, 2022) - Actors’ Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre has broken records with its production of ON YOUR FEET! reviving live theatre in Miami with over 13 thousand tickets sold, the most in the history of the theatre and 50 percent more than their last highest selling production of Les Misérables in 2009. Following an exhilarating regional premiere in South Florida with week-after-week packed houses, the original production made the decision to extend the show for one week, offering a last chance for those who were unable to purchase tickets through the show’s initial run. ON YOUR FEET! is the inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent - and each other - to become an international sensation: Miami’s own Gloria and Emilio Estefan. The show ran in Miami 31 times during five weeks with showtimes on Wednesdays - Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through March 13. Ticket prices ranged from $55 to $85. Among sponsors were locally based companies such as AT&T, Azamara, Bacardi U.S.A and Lexus of Kendall.

“The success of ON YOUR FEET! has proven Miami is ready for the return of theatre after two years of shutdowns and restrictions. While we were aware producing a show of this magnitude would prove to be quite the challenge, our conviction in bringing this incredible production back to Miami, its hometown and the hometown of the Estefans, inspired us to take this leap of faith. Each week we were met with packed houses and are proud to report there were no COVID cases among the cast and crew throughout the five weeks of performances,” said Barbara S. Stein, Executive Producing Director, Actors’ Playhouse at Miracle Theatre.

The musical had its world premiere in Chicago in the summer of 2015 before moving to Broadway where it played from October 2015, until August 2017, to full theaters and rave reviews and subsequently touring throughout the world. For the return of this show to its hometown and the hometown of the Estefans, Actors’ Playhouse invested $743,000 in order to offer the best...
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experience to theatergoers. The big return was overseen by David Arisco as artistic director, Andy Señor Jr. as director, Natalie Caruncho as associate director and choreographer, and longtime member of the Miami Sound Machine Clay Ostwald musical directing, all three of whom were part of the original Broadway production. Ostwald was joined onstage by five other members of the Miami Sound Machine including Edwin Bonilla, Eduardo Rodriguez, Lindsey Blair, Teddy Mulet and Doug Michels. The production’s cast was led by Claudia Yanez as Gloria, who has been touring with ON YOUR FEET! since its first day portraying Gloria more than 80 times, and Cuban-American actor Jason Canela as Emilio. The Miami set was based on the original set design by The Rockwell Group, costumes are based on the original costume designs of Emilio Sosa, and wigs are based on the original wig design by Chuck LaPointe, keeping the production true to its original roots and providing audiences with a Broadway-caliber experience.

Audiences beyond Miami-Dade flocked to the historic theatre on Miracle Mile for the show, including neighboring counties, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Guatemala, Norway, Panama, Puerto Rico, Spain, and Switzerland.

Notable attendees included Gloria and Emilio Estefan, who showed their support of the show both on opening night and on the final weekend, Coral Gables Mayor Vince Lago who presented the Estefans with a key to the city on opening night, Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and former Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alberto Carvalho. Additionally, Gloria and Emilio’s daughter Emily Estefan, Emilio’s niece Lili Estefan, Ana Villafañe who originated the role of Gloria in the Broadway production, and singer Jencarlos Canela whose brother portrayed Emilio, came out to the theatre to show their support of the musical’s return to Miami.

ON YOUR FEET! received rave reviews from South Florida critics, and a blessing from the Estefan family who attended the opening night. The couple praised the cast for portraying their family so perfectly and transmitting the energy and passion the Estefans have consistently delivered over the course of their career.

“The large cast was led by Claudia Yanez as singer-songwriter Gloria and, making his professional stage debut, Jason Canela as producer-songwriter Emilio. Both actors clearly convey the strength and determination of their Grammy Award-winning, real-life counterparts, and both dynamically interpret their songs.” - Miami Herald

“At The Miracle, Miami-connected, Cuban-American artists have brought a resonant celebratory tale to life, sparking joy in themselves and their audiences. Coming out of the dark that was the pandemic, they’re also helping the team at Actors’ Playhouse get on their feet with the kind of large-scale show that built the company’s reputation. Qué maravilloso.” - ARTBURST

"On Your Feet!" is an honest depiction of many emotions. And the musical vividly depicts the close-knit nature of Cuban exiles, or any exiles for that matter. Uplifting and vibrant, there's relevance for everyone from everywhere.” – MiamiArtZine.com
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Up next, the theatre is presenting Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express. The show will run in Miami from May 18 through June 5 with showtimes on Wednesdays - Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices range from $55 to $85 and are selling quickly. Actors’ Playhouse is offering a 3-show flex subscription for $210 which includes the best prime seats, best ticket savings, and discounts to Coral Gables restaurants. The annual Gala Auction on April 30th features 32 local restaurants offering tastings, and open Bacardi Bar, and over 150 live and silent auction items including a Lexus lease, Azamara cruise and other luxury items. Tickets for these activities are available by contacting the Actors' Playhouse Box Office at (305) 444-9293 or by visiting www.actorsplayhouse.org.

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About Actors’ Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre
Actors’ Playhouse is an award-winning nonprofit regional professional theatre company celebrating 34 years of artistic excellence. Located in the historic Miracle Theatre on Miracle Mile in downtown Coral Gables, Actors’ Playhouse is a Florida Presenting Cultural Organization and one of 13 major cultural institutions in Miami-Dade County. The company produces five Mainstage and four professional Children’s Theatre productions annually, a year-round Theatre Conservatory and Summer Camp Program, educational arts outreach programs, and the Young Talent Big Dreams countywide youth talent contest in partnership with The Children’s Trust. To learn more about Actors’ Playhouse, visit www.ActorsPlayhouse.org.