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Playhouse Square Announces First Limited Capacity Live Performance to Open June 11

High Energy Global Phenomenon “THE CHOIR OF MAN” to Perform 35 Shows;
Socially Distanced Ticket Reservations on Sale Today

Cleveland, OH – Audiences can begin staging their comeback to Playhouse Square with the first live performance scheduled to open June 11, 2021. The uplifting, pub concert style show THE CHOIR OF MAN will run June 11-July 11 in the Mimi Ohio Theatre.

“This is the moment we have been waiting for,” said Playhouse Square President & CEO Gina Vernaci. “It gives me great joy to say that we can begin welcoming guests back to Playhouse Square, and we will do so with health and safety as our first priority.”

Playhouse Square has collaborated with University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic, as well as local and state health officials, to develop a plan for welcoming guests and artists safely back to the theaters. The plan includes a strict masking policy, socially distanced seating with limited capacity, hand sanitizer availability, strict disinfection plans and communications prior to arrival and on site to remind guests of these protocols and the need to maintain social distancing. More information is available at playhousesquare.org/safety.

Socially distanced ticket reservations for THE CHOIR OF MAN are \$59-\$79 and will be on sale at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000 beginning at 11 a.m. on

Wednesday, March 17. Limited capacity seating will be sold in pods of two, four and six for each performance.

“THE CHOIR OF MAN is fun and celebratory – the perfect way to start this summer,” described Vernaci. “This 90-minute show without intermission will leave you wanting to continue the festivities on any one of the beautiful patios in the Playhouse Square District.”

THE CHOIR OF MAN is a mug-smashing success from the creative minds of Andrew Kay – *Soweto Gospel Choir*, *Noise Boys*, *Gobsmacked*, and the award-winning *North by Northwest*, and Nic Doodson – *The Magnets*, *Gobsmacked*, and *Noise Boys*.

Creator, director and co-producer Nic Doodson stated, “THE CHOIR OF MAN has loved Cleveland since we first toured the states in 2018 so we are thrilled to sit down at Playhouse Square for a little while. For this run, the show will be even bigger and better because our nine lads will be joined onstage by a live band. Expect more energy, more music and more pints! When we arrive to your fair city this summer, we’ll be ready to rock Cleveland. Cheers!”

Known across the globe as “the ultimate-feel good show,” THE CHOIR OF MAN features a cast of world-class tap dancers, singers, and instrumentalists celebrating a range of popular artists and musical styles, from Paul Simon and Adele to Queen, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Katy Perry and more. It’s a party. It’s a concert. It’s a pint-filled good time set in a real, working pub that combines hair-raising harmonies, high-energy dance, and live percussion with foot-stomping choreography. The multi-talented cast of nine handsome blokes sings everything – pub tunes, folk, Broadway, classic rock – ensuring that there is something for everyone in this uplifting show.

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