



**GRAMMY AWARD WINNING BROADWAY SMASH HIT**

**WEST SIDE STORY**

**IS COMING TO ST. LOUIS**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**AT THE FABULOUS FOX THEATRE**

St. Louis MO / January 10, 2012 - The tour of the smash hit Broadway revival of **WEST SIDE STORY** is coming to St. Louis. **WEST SIDE STORY** will open at The Fabulous Fox Theatre on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Tony Award-winning librettist **Arthur Laurents'** Broadway direction will be recreated for the tour by **David Saint**, the Associate Director on Broadway. The original **Jerome Robbins** choreography is reproduced by Tony Award-nominee **Joey McKneely** (*The Boy from Oz, The Life*).

The cast stars **Ross Lekites** as Tony, **Evy Ortiz** as Maria, **Michelle Aravena** as Anita, **Drew Foster** as Riff and **German Santiago** as Bernardo. Also featured are **Mike Boland** as Schrank, **Stephen DeRosa** as Glad Hand, **Jon Drake** as Action, **Wally Dunn** as Krupke, **Alexandra Frohlinger** as Anybodys, **Jay Garcia** as Chino, **Casey Garvin** as Diesel, **Nathan Keen** as Big Deal, **Harris Milgrim** as Snowboy, **John O'Creagh** as Doc, **Christopher Rice** as Baby John, **Clay Thomson** as A-rab, along with **Karolina Blonski**, **Alicia Charles**, **Lauryn Ciardullo**, **Dean Andre de Luna**, **Lori Ann Ferreri**, **Ryan Ghysels**, **Tim Hausmann**, **Nicole Hellman**, **Laura Irion**, **Thayne Jasperson**, **Gizel Jimenez**, **Eric Anthony Johnson**, **Patrick Ortiz**, **Kristen Paulicelli**, **Waldemar Quinones-Villanueva**, **Alexandra Blake Redelico**, **Michael Scirrotto**, **Jeffrey C. Sousa**, **Dani Spieler**, **Jessica Swesey**, **Kathryn Lin Terza** and **Kirstin Tucker**.

The new Broadway cast album of **WEST SIDE STORY** won the 2010 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album on January 31, 2010. The Bernstein and Sondheim score is considered to be one of Broadway's finest and features such classics of the American musical theatre as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere."

The new Broadway production began previews at the Palace Theatre on Broadway Monday, February 23, 2009, opened to critical acclaim breaking box office records at the Palace Theatre on Thursday, March 19, 2009, and recouped its \$14 million investment after running only 30 weeks. The Broadway production played its final performance January 2, 2011. The musical played 27 previews and 748 regular performances, making it the longest-running production of the groundbreaking musical in Broadway history. The original production, which had held the record, played 732 performances on Broadway.

**WEST SIDE STORY** features scenic designs by **James Youmans** (*Gypsy*), costumes by Tony Award nominee **David C. Woolard** (*The Farnsworth Invention, The Who's Tommy*), lighting by Tony Award winner **Howell Binkley** (*Gypsy, Jersey Boys*), sound design by Tony Award nominee **Dan Moses Schreier** (*Gypsy, A Catered Affair*) and hair by **Mark Adam Rampmeyer** (*The Farnsworth Invention*).

**WEST SIDE STORY** is written by three theatrical luminaries: two-time Tony Award winner **Arthur Laurents** (book) and multiple Tony and Grammy Award winners **Leonard Bernstein** (music) and **Stephen Sondheim** (lyrics) in his Broadway debut.

**WEST SIDE STORY** is produced by Kevin McCollum, James L. Nederlander, Jeffrey Seller with Terry Allen Kramer, Sander Jacobs, Roy Furman / Jill Furman Willis, Robyn Goodman / Walt Grossman, Hal Luftig, Roy Miller and Broadway Across America.

Performances of **WEST SIDE STORY** run from February 14 – 26 at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. Performances are Tuesday – Saturday evenings at 8:00pm; Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2:00pm and Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 pm. There is a matinee Thursday, February 23 at 1:00pm. Ticket prices start at \$15, \$25, and \$30, depending on performance date & time. Prices are subject to change; please refer to [fabulousfox.com](http://fabulousfox.com) for current pricing. Tickets are available at the Fox Theatre Box Office, online at [metrotix.com](http://metrotix.com) and by phone at 314-534-1111. Group discounts are available by calling 314-535-2900. The Fabulous Fox Theatre is located in Grand Center at 527 N. Grand Blvd. **WEST SIDE STORY** is part of the U.S. Bank Broadway Series and sponsored locally by American Airlines.

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### **Fabulous Fox Theatre**

The Fabulous Fox Theatre opened on January 31, 1929 as one of the crown jewels in William Fox's motion picture empire. Billed as "St. Louis' largest and most magnificent temple of amusement," the theatre's historic relevance was recognized when it was accepted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. After dazzling and delighting millions of people for nearly 50 years with films, stage shows, concerts, radio shows, special events and world premieres, the theatre closed in 1978. In 1981 the Fox was privately purchased by Fox Associates and an incredible one-year restoration project was launched bringing the Siamese-Byzantine splendor of the Fox back to life. The Fox reopened its doors with the musical "Barnum" on September 7, 1982 to a capacity crowd of 4,500. The meticulous restoration of the Fox was recognized by The National Trust of Historical Preservation with a 1983 National Trust Honor Award. Since 1982, more than 15 million people have passed through the brass doors of the Fox to see Broadway shows, Vegas performers, top pop, rock and comedy concert acts, country superstars, dance, family productions, gospel plays, and classic movies; and to attend tours, seminars, private parties, weddings, graduations and proms. The Fabulous Fox continues to provide St. Louis audiences with the best of everything and something for everyone.

