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His Music. His Life. A Tribute to The Man in Black.

JACKSON—New Stage Theatre will present the musical *Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash* May 30 - June 11. Curtain times and dates for performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$40.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, BankPlus, and The Dorsey J. Barefield Charitable Trust. Security will be provided. *Recommended for ages 10 and up.*

From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. More than two dozen classic hits—including “I Walk the Line,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” and the title tune—paint a musical portrait of The Man in Black that promises to be a foot-stompin’, crowd-pleasin’ salute to a unique musical legend!

"This is, without question, the best ensemble I have ever had the good fortune to assemble for this show," says Director Chris 'Red' Blisset who has directed *Ring of Fire* eight times at various other theatres throughout the country. "I can hardly believe how lucky we are to have this mix of world-class professionals from Mississippi and New York. Some days I want to stop rehearsal and get their autographs they're so good. Seriously, come see this show; if you don't like it, I'll pay you back myself - I'm the red-headed guy," jokes Blisset.

“Ring of Fire is a fantastic crowd pleasing show and is perfect as the closer for our 57th season," says Artistic Director Francine Thomas Reynolds. "I am thrilled that Chris “Red” Blisset is returning to New Stage not only as a performer but, this time, as the Director/Music Director for the show. He has assembled a very exciting and skilled group of performers. With everyone playing multiple instruments, audiences will be amazed and delighted with the musical talent of every one on the stage.”

The cast includes: Rheanna Atendido* (New York), Chris 'Red' Blisset*(New York), Ben Clark*(New York), Trevor Lindley Craft (New York), Andrew Dillon (Jackson), Jennifer Smith (Clinton), Claire-Frances Sullivan (New York), Jayla Lomax (Jackson), Ryan Bergman (Gulfport).

**Rheanna Atendido, Chris 'Red' Blisset, and Ben Clark appear through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association.*



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Discount Nights/Events

PAY WHAT YOU CAN NIGHT: Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6:30 on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. If tickets are available they can be purchased at any value with cash, check, or credit card (\$5 minimum is required if using a credit card). This offer is only valid for the May 31 performance.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth 18 and under can reserve \$15 tickets for the performance on Friday, June 2, 2023. This discount is only available by calling the box office and mentioning "youth night" for the discount.

STUDENT RUSH DISCOUNT: One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. Limit one ticket per ID.

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: May 30, 2023; Close: June 11, 2023

Performance Times:

Tuesday thru Saturday: 7:30 pm; Sundays: 2:00 pm

Tickets:

\$40; \$35 seniors/students/military

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com

Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 4 pm - 7:00 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (*a per-ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases*)

Production Information

Director

Chris 'Red' Blisset

Associate Music Director

Trevor Lindley Craft

Costume Designer

Caleb Blackwell

Lighting Designer

Annalise Caudle

Scenic Designer

Cody Stockstill

Sound Designer/Engineer

Alberto Meza

Properties Designer

Jenna Kahley

Production Stage Manager

Peppy Biddy*

Assistant Stage Manager

Mattea Pierce

Production Manager

Clara Seitz

Lead Electrician

Matthew McMurtry

Carpenter

Dave Ellis

Production Associate

Antonio Juarez

Production Assistant

Darby Frost

Assistant Costumer

Nina Frost

Scenic Painter

Michael Montgomery