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TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE UNVEILED HOLIDAY "SHOW GLOBES" IN TIMES SQUARE TODAY

Times Square to host holiday "Show Globes" – large snow globe displays inspired by the designs of hit Broadway shows – throughout the holiday season

<u>Aladdin</u> joins previously seen The Lion King and Wicked Show Globes this year – the Aladdin Show Globe design was unveiled today

Unveil included BROADWAY SINGS® performances by Broadway stars Jelani Remy, Ginna Claire Mason, and Arielle Jacobs

Images and broll from this year's Show Globes can be downloaded here

Credit: Michael Hull for the Times Square Alliance.

Performer headshots can be found here.

Bios can be found below.

Times Square, November 3, 2022 – The Times Square Alliance welcomes back holiday "Show Globes" in Times Square, New York - <u>Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. on the Broadway Plaza between 45th and 46th Streets. The event featured the unveiling of the new *Aladdin* Show Globe and included remarks and performances to welcome the public to enjoy the installation throughout the holiday season. The "Show Globes" will be on display in Times Square through December 26, 2022.</u>

BROADWAY SINGS® was also onsite with performances by **Jelani Remy** (*The Lion King/Ain't Too Proud*), **Arielle Jacobs** (*Aladdin*), and **Ginna Claire Mason** (*Wicked*) to welcome the new *Aladdin* and returning Show Globes for the 2022 holiday season in Times Square.

The **BROADWAY SINGS**® concert series, now in its 10th Anniversary Year, reimagines, rearranges & reorchestrates the tunes of a pop superstar to fit the special strengths of the certain Broadway performer singing the given song. They have incorporated over 400 Broadway performers into their shows, including over 30 Tony Award Winners & Nominees. Their next show, at Sony Hall on December 5, is *Broadway Sings*® *Mariah Carey: A Holiday Spectacular*.

The Times Square Alliance partnered with Serino Coyne, a live entertainment advertising and marketing agency, on the curation and development of this "Show Globes" exhibition.

Doughnuts and hot beverages were provided by Krispy Kreme.

The Times Square Alliance also kicked off the holiday shopping season with a "Shop Til The Ball Drops" holiday gift guide. Show Globes visitors are invited to step onto a side street and into the Times Square neighborhood to explore local shops with holiday gifts for everyone on your shopping list. Explore the guide at TSQ.org/HolidayDeals.

Performances by BROADWAY SINGS®:

Jelani Remy (*The Lion King/Ain't Too Proud*) Arielle Jacobs (*Aladdin*) Ginna Claire Mason (*Wicked*) Accompanied by Jacob Yates

Details about the inspiration for each "Show Globe" as well as designer credits can be found here:

Aladdin

Come inside the Cave of Wonders, where a street rat named Aladdin first discovers the magic lamp. This Show Globe takes its inspiration from this scene in the hit Broadway musical ALADDIN and Bob Crowley's set design for the show. From within the magic lamp, a Genie springs forth, offering our hero three wishes and a whole new world of glittering possibilities. Suddenly, Broadway's Biggest Party is under way!

Aladdin Show Globe was designed and created by Ros Coombes, Jennifer Kramer, Mary Hamrick and BB Props.

The Lion King

Inspired by THE LION KING's amazing sets, colorful costumes, and inventive puppetry, this Show Globe depicts the breathtaking "Circle of Life" scene, featuring the sun rising on Rafiki surrounded by the animals of the Pridelands. Rafiki is a wax figure provided courtesy of Madame Tussaud's. Pride rock, the giraffe and bird kites are all mini replicas of the actual elements from the show, which is now celebrating its 25th Anniversary on Broadway.

Lead Designer: Peter Eastman – Associate Scenic Designer Design Team: Peter Eastman, lead designer; Carolyn Wong, lighting designer; and Jeanne Koenig, Creative Consultant

Wicked

Inspired by the bond between WICKED's two iconic witches, Elphaba and Glinda, this Show Globe features the Land of Oz skyline, striking clock gears motif and magnificent costumes from the musical's Tony Award-winning scenic and costume designs.

Lead Designer (with affiliation to original show): EDWARD PIERCE, Wicked Associate Scenic Designer, Design Adaptation & Supervision (All Worldwide Productions)

Design Team: Design Assistants (Stephen Davan and Kelly Pooler) – sketching, construction drawings; F&D Scene Changes – scenic fabrication and painting; Brenbri Properties & Four Horsemen – Elphaba and Glinda figures; Amanda Whidden – Costume Coordinator, Wicked Worldwide; Joe Dulude II – Make-Up Designer; Neil McShane – Production Electrician; and Craig Aves – Head Electrician, Wicked Broadway

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The Times Square Alliance works to improve and promote Times Square - cultivating the creativity, energy and edge that have made the area an icon of entertainment, culture, and urban life for over a century. Founded in 1992, the Alliance keeps the neighborhood clean and safe, promotes local businesses, manages area improvements and produces major annual events with partners including New Year's Eve, Solstice in Times Square and Taste of Times Square. As the custodians of Times Square, the Alliance works every day to improve the quality of life for the neighborhood residents and businesses while driving economic growth in New York City. www.TSq.org

Jelani Remy is a New Jersey native that attended Montclair State University. Most recently, Jelani starred as "The Emcee" in *Cabaret* at Goodspeed Opera House! He was last seen on Broadway playing the role of "Eddie Kendricks" in *Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of The Temptations*. He made his Broadway debut playing the role of "Simba" in Disney's *The Lion King*. Past shows include *High School Musical* (National Tour), *High School Musical 2!* (Fox Theater), *Smokey Joes Cafe* (Off Broadway), *The Apple Boys* (Off Broadway), *Anjou: The Musical Horror Tale* and *The Oscar Michaeux Suite*. Jelani is a Papermill Playhouse Rising Star recipient and Chita Rivera award Nominee.

Arielle Jacobs was most recently seen as "Princess Jasmine" in Disney's Broadway hit musical *Aladdin*. Prior to that, she played "Nessarose" in the Broadway cast of *Wicked*. She also starred on Broadway as "Nina Rosario" in *In the Heights*, opposite Lin-Manuel Miranda. Off-Broadway, she has starred in *Between the Lines, Sotto Voce*, and *Farhad or the Secret of Being*. She was seen in the original National Touring companies of *In the Heights* and Disney's *High School Musical*. TV/Film credits include "Taxi Brooklyn" on NBC, "Commander in Chief;" "Dance War;" "Water Lilies"; "Disney's 365" and more.

Ginna Claire Mason stars in Hallmark's A HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR, coming out this Christmas! Recently finished multi-year run as "Glinda" in *Wicked* on Broadway. Tour/Vegas: *Wicked*, *Newsies*, *Flashdance*, *Duck Commander Musical*. Regional favorites: *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Hairspray*, *Grease*. Nashville native. BFA in Music Theatre, Elon University.