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**TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE UNVEILS LARGE PLAYBILL GALLERY
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As 15 New Broadway Shows open, Times Square is Transformed into a Grand Gallery of Playbills

Times Square, April 6, 2022 - [The Times Square Alliance](#) announces the Broadway Grand Gallery exhibition to be unveiled on April 7 at 11am in Times Square. With 15 new shows opening by the end of April 2022, this gallery will feature 21 currently running shows on 11 large Playbill monoliths. The unveil event will be hosted by **Donnie Kehr** and will feature remarks and performances to welcome the public to enjoy the installation on the Broadway Plaza between 47th and 48th Streets and will be on display through June 15, 2022.

Pedestrians in Times Square on Broadway between 47th and 48th Streets will encounter a garden of gigantic Playbills featuring current running shows creating multiple photo and social media opportunities.

Each monolith will include 2 shows on each side for a total of 11 on the Times Square Plaza totaling 21 participating shows. They will each be ten feet tall, six feet wide and three feet deep. The sides of each will be designed by each of the shows and will include information including description text, photos, the show's logo, a QR code to their own Playbill webpage, and a QR code powered by a ticketing agent to allow for ticket purchases. Some will include a map showing guests where the theater is in relation to the exhibit. There will be a "Title" monolith describing the exhibit and a full map of theatres located in Times Square / the Theater District.

On April 7th at 11:00 the Broadway Grand Gallery will be opened to the public via a small concert and with remarks from the Times Square and Broadway communities. The event will be filmed and promoted on Playbill.com. Speakers will include:

Tom Harris, President of the Times Square Alliance
Alex Birsh, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Playbill
Charlotte St. Martin, President of The Broadway League

In addition to the speaking portion, there will be live performances in Times Square hosted by **Donnie Kehr** at the Playbill Sing for Hope Piano and will feature **Jessica Vosk** and **Alex Newell** with **Kevin Kuhn** on guitar and **Brandon James Gwinn** on piano.

21 shows participating in the Broadway Grand Gallery:

Aladdin
The Book of Mormon
Come From Away
Company
Dear Evan Hansen
Funny Girl
Hadestown
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
Jersey Boys
The Lion King
The Little Prince
Little Shop of Horrors

MJ The Musical
Moulin Rouge! The Musical!
Mr. Saturday Night
Mrs. Doubtfire
The Phantom of the Opera
The Play That Goes Wrong
Plaza Suite
Six: The Musical
Tina: The Tina Turner Musical

Representatives from various shows will be on hand for photo opportunities after the program (list in formation and will be updated in follow ups):

- **SIX:** Adrianna Hicks (Catherine of Aragon); Keri René Fuller (Jane Seymour); Joy Woods (Catherine Parr)
- **JERSEY BOYS:** CJ Pawlikowski (Bob Gaudio); Jonathan Cable (Nick Massi); Tristen Buettel (Lorraine and other roles); John Gardiner (Gyp DeCarlo and other roles); Joey LaVarco (Joey and other roles); Michelle Rombola (Mary Delgado and others); Dianna Marie Barger (Francine and others, Swing, Dance Captain); Austin Owen (Bob Crewe and others); and Kit Treece (Norman Waxman and others)
- **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS:** various cast to be confirmed
- **COME FROM AWAY:** Sharon Wheatley (Diane)
- **TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL:** Nkeki Obi-Melekwe (Tina)
- Shows will be added as they are confirmed.

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About the Times Square Alliance

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

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About the Playbill Sing for Hope Piano

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