

# ARENA STAGE MEDIA RELEASE

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### DOUBLE FEATURE: ODYSSEY CRUISE FOLLOWED BY OKLAHOMA!

\*\*\* Guests enjoy dinner and a musical \*\*\*

(Washington, D.C.) Step aboard the **Odyssey** this summer for a gourmet dinner cruise, followed by a performance of the Helen Hayes Award-winning musical **Oklahoma!** at **Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater**.

On **July 28, August 25 and September 29**, Odyssey guests will indulge in fine dining, live entertainment and dancing. The three-course meal includes dinner favorites like *Maple-Glazed Chipotle Chicken*, *Argentinean Salmon* and *Seafood Ravioli Gratinee*. The evening wouldn't be complete without the Odyssey's *Signature Decadent Chocolate Truffle Torte* or *New York Style Cheesecake*.

After the cruise, guests will make their way to the Mead Center, situated across the street from the docks at 1101 6th Street SW, to enjoy the performance of *Oklahoma!* Not your mother's *Oklahoma!*, this performance is inspired by the toughness of the prairie. Artistic Director Molly Smith sets her production in the robust world of territory life filled with a dynamic cast as rich and complex as the great tapestry of America itself. Set to Rodgers and Hammerstein's timeless music, *Oklahoma!* celebrates the vigor of America's pioneering spirit with athletic dance and boot-stomping energy. Filled with classic tunes such as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" and "People Will Say We're in Love," this musical production will thrill audiences of all ages.

Boarding time for the Odyssey dinner cruise will begin at 5:00 p.m., sailing from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The performance of *Oklahoma!* will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the Odyssey dinner cruise and *Oklahoma!* are priced at \$139.67 per person. All packages must be booked through Arena Stage at 202-488-4380 or at [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org).

For *Oklahoma!* production photos and information, email [press@arenastage.org](mailto:press@arenastage.org). For media quality images and more information about Entertainment Cruises' unique ships, contact Linda Heiss at [lindah@lindarothpr.com](mailto:lindah@lindarothpr.com).

\*Prices are subject to change and based on availability.

### About Arena Stage

**Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater** is a national center dedicated to the production, presentation, development and study of American theater. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Molly Smith and Managing Director Edgar Dobie, Arena Stage is the largest company in the country dedicated to American plays and playwrights. Arena Stage produces huge plays of all that is passionate, exuberant,

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profound, deep and dangerous in the American spirit, and presents diverse and ground-breaking work from some of the best artists around the country. Arena Stage is committed to commissioning and developing new plays through the American Voices New Play Institute. Now in its sixth decade, Arena Stage serves a diverse annual audience of more than 300,000. [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org).

### **About Entertainment Cruises**

Chicago-based Entertainment Cruises, Inc. was formed in 2006 when Spirit Cruises LLC, and Premier Yachts Inc., joined forces ([www.EntertainmentCruises.com](http://www.EntertainmentCruises.com)). The company serves 1.5 million guests annually with a fleet of 24 ships in nine cities – Baltimore; Boston; Chicago; Norfolk, Va.; Philadelphia; National Harbor, MD; New York; Washington, D.C.; and Weehawken, N.J. Entertainment Cruises' brand portfolio includes dining and entertainment cruises Odyssey Cruises, Spirit Cruises, Mystic Blue Cruises, and Bateaux New York; Elite Yacht Charters, which offers custom private charters; and Baltimore Harbor Cruises. Ships are one-, two- and three-deck vessels, and accommodate from 110 to 850 guests, depending on the individual ship, for lunch, dinner and sightseeing cruises year-round. The company and its products are known for outstanding product quality and service.

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