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ARENA STAGE REVEALS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED MUSICAL COMPLETING ITS 2024/25 SEASON

THE BEDWETTER - A MUSICAL

Based upon The Bedwetter: Stories of Courage, Redemption, and Pee by Sarah Silverman

Book by JOSHUA HARMON and SARAH SILVERMAN
Lyrics by ADAM SCHLESINGER and SARAH SILVERMAN
Music by ADAM SCHLESINGER
Creative Consultant DAVID YAZBEK
Choreographed by DANNY MEFFORD
Directed by ANNE KAUFFMAN
By Special Arrangement with Tom Kirdahy and Barry and Fran Weissler

(Washington, D.C.) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater announced today the title of the eagerly awaited musical that will complete its 2024/25 Season. Handpicked as part of Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif's can't-miss inaugural season, *The Bedwetter*, the "clever, comic, splendid" (*The Guardian*) new musical based on comedian Sarah Silverman's heartfelt memoir, will make its D.C. premiere next year. Performances will run January 31 – March 16, 2025, in Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater. Press Night will be held on Thursday, February 13.

Faced with a new school, her parents' divorce, and an embarrassing secret you'll never guess (unless you read the title), Emmy winner **Silverman**'s bestselling memoir comes to life in *The Bedwetter - A Musical* featuring a book co-written by Silverman and Tony nominee **Joshua Harmon** (*Prayer for the French Republic*) and music by Grammy and Emmy winner **Adam Schlesinger** (Fountains of Wayne, *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*).

The Bedwetter - A Musical had its world premiere Off-Broadway at Atlantic Theater Company in spring 2022. Directed by Tony nominee **Anne Kauffman** (Mary Jane), the "hilarious and filthy new musical" (TheaterMania) enjoyed a twice-extended run. Kauffman will return to helm the Arena Stage production which features choreography by **Danny Mefford** (Kimberly Akimbo) and creative consulting by Grammy and Tony winner **David Yazbek** (The Band's Visit). The entire cast and creative team will be announced at a later date.

Arena Stage's 2024/25 Season marks a thrilling new chapter for American theater, deepening the acclaimed company's legacy of innovation since its founding in 1950. Under Sharif's direction, this electrifying season promises to reignite the transformative power of theater and reinvigorate audiences toward collective and individual dreams. Join us as we embark on a journey toward the future of storytelling.

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