



She Wrote the Music of a Generation

Village Theatre Presents *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*
The Soul-Stirring, Tony Award-Winning Story of a Musical Legend

Directed and Choreographed by LISA SHRIVER

Music Directed by R.J. TANCIOCO

Starring SARAH ROSE DAVIS as Carole King

ISSAQUAH, WA (October 18, 2023) – Village Theatre proudly announces the cast and creative team of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, the inspiring real-life story of chart-topping musical legend **Carole King**'s remarkable rise to stardom. *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* is directed and choreographed by Broadway's **Lisa Shriver** (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Farnsworth Invention*) and starring Seattle's own **Sarah Rose Davis** in her triumphant return to the Village mainstage after an acclaimed turn as Fanny Brice in 2014's *Funny Girl*. Performances will be held in Issaquah from November 14 to December 23, 2023, and in Everett from January 6 to 28, 2024.

Full of favorite hits like "One Fine Day," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," "The Locomotion," "(You Make Me Feel Like a) Natural Woman," "You've Got a Friend," and so many more, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* chronicles the journey of a woman who found her own true voice and moved the earth for us all: beginning as an ordinary girl with extraordinary talent, charting her rock 'n roll songwriting with husband **Gerry Goffin**, exploring her relationship to fellow writers and best friends **Cynthia Weil** and **Barry Mann**, and forging her path to becoming one of the most successful and enduring solo artists in popular music history. The musical was nominated for seven Tony Awards and won two in 2014, and it also won the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album in 2015.

"One of the many unique qualities about Carole King's stardom is that she never set out to be a star. Her music was the star," said director and choreographer **Lisa Shriver**. "Through collaboration with lyricists—most notably her husband Gerry Goffin—Carole's music was recorded and made famous by musical legends such as The Drifters, The Shirelles, The Beatles, The Everly Brothers, James Taylor, and Aretha Franklin. And when Carole finally found her own voice, she created 'Tapestry,' one of the most iconic and beloved albums of all time."

"Carole King wrote the music of a generation," said Village Theatre Artistic Director Adam Immerwahr. "When the opportunity to produce one of the first regional productions of *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* presented itself, I immediately knew it would be an incredible show for our community and a wonderful showcase for the extraordinarily talented performers of the Pacific Northwest.

"I've been fortunate to be collaborating with director-choreographer Lisa Shriver for the entirety of my professional career," continued Immerwahr. "Her artistry, vision, and showbiz flair promise a

soul-stirring and earth-moving version of *Beautiful* that you won't want to miss. Single tickets are now on sale and are flying fast—so grab yours today before we're sold out!"

The cast includes **Simone Alene** (A Shirelle, Ensemble, Janelle U/S), **Krystle Armstrong-Alan** (Cynthia Weil), **Montel Butler** (A Drifter, Ensemble), **Avery Clark** (Don Kirshner), **Sarah Rose Davis** (Carole King), **Anteia DeLaney** (A Shirelle, Little Eva, Ensemble), **Angela DiMarco** (Genie Klein), **Alexandria J. Henderson** (A Shirelle, Janelle Woods, Ensemble), **Nalica Hennings** (A Shirelle, "Uptown" Soloist, Lucille, Ensemble), **Nehemiah Hooks** (A Drifter, Ensemble, Dance Captain), **Jason Kappus** (Gerry Goffin), **Savannah Lynn** (Betty, Ensemble, Marilyn U/S), **Adam Marino** (Barry Mann), **Cherisse Martinelli** (Marilyn, Ensemble), **Matthew Posner** (A Righteous Brother, Ensemble, Gerry Goffin U/S), **Charles L. Simmons** (A Drifter, Nick, Ensemble), **Chandler T. Thomas** (A Drifter, Ensemble), and **Jason Weitkamp** (A Righteous Brother, Neil Sedaka, Lou Adler, Ensemble, Don Kirshner U/S).

Understudies include **Taylor Niemeyer-Symons** (Carole King U/S), **Casey Raiha** (Barry Mann, Righteous Brothers U/S), **Alexandra Shephard** (Cynthia Weil, Betty, Genie Klein U/S), **Jeffery Wallace II** (The Drifters U/S), and **Madison Willis** (The Shirelles U/S).

Crafting the look and style of New York in the 1960s and 1970s is the creative team: Set Designer **Grace Laubacher**, Costume Designer **Melanie Taylor Burgess**, Lighting Designer **Robert J. Aguilar**, Sound Designer **Darron L West**, Projections Designer **Ahren Buhmann**, and Stage Manager **Laurel Nichols**.

The creative team also includes Associate Choreographer **Daniel Cruz**, Associate Music Director **Michael Nutting**, Associate Costume Designer **Brynne Johnson-McKeen**, Associate Lighting Designer **Casey Price**, Assistant Director **Harry Turpin**, Vocal Coach **Aaron M. Davis Norman**, Intimacy Director **Kathryn Van Meter**, Assistant Stage Managers **Isabella Marziello** and **Miranda C. Pratt**, and Production Assistant **Ethan Swim**.

Season subscriptions and single tickets can be purchased now through Village Theatre's Box Office in-person in Issaquah (303 Front Street N) or Everett (2710 Wetmore Avenue), by phone at (425) 392-2202, or online at VillageTheatre.org/Beautiful. Masks are optional for all Village Theatre performances in the 2023–2024 season.

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ABOUT DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER LISA SHRIVER

Lisa's Broadway directing credits include: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Farnsworth Invention*, *The Story of My Life*, and *Ring of Fire*. Selected: *Into the Woods* (Roundabout Theater Company); *Rock of Ages*, and *Austen's Pride* (The 5th Avenue Theatre). Film: *A Beautiful Mind* and *Disney's A Christmas Carol*. TV: *A Very Murray Christmas*, *Broad City*, *The Detour*, and *Evil*. Other: Phish's NYE concert, Disney Cruise Line, and Busch Gardens.

ABOUT MUSIC DIRECTOR R.J. TANCIOCO

R.J. Tancioco's musical direction credits include: *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *She Loves Me*, *Hairspray*, *Newsies*, *Dreamgirls*, *Les Misérables* (Village Theatre); *Into the Woods*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Urinetown*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Grease*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *RENT* (The 5th Avenue Theatre); *The Winter's Tale*, *As You Like It*, *The Odyssey*, *Here Lies Love* (Seattle Rep); *Head Over Heels*, *Violet* (ArtsWest); *The Spitfire Grill* (Showtunes Theatre Company); *Bright Star* (Taproot Theatre). A 2010 Gregory Award and 2011/2014 Gypsy Rose Lee award recipient, Tancioco is a vocal coach, arranger, and composer who enjoys educating youth and cultivating new musicals.

ABOUT VILLAGE THEATRE

Based in Issaquah, WA, with operations in Everett, WA, Village Theatre is a leading producer of musical theatre in the Pacific Northwest. Producing entertaining, quality productions since 1979, Village Theatre has grown into one of the region's best-attended theatres. Through its Village Originals program, Village Theatre is nationally recognized for its contribution to the development of new musicals, having supported the creation of over 175 new works to date. Village Theatre also takes pride in nurturing tomorrow's audiences through its Youth Education programs, serving thousands of young people and their families annually.

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Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

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Words and Music by Gerry Goffin and Carole King, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil

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WHERE:

Village Theatre

Francis J. Gaudette Theatre

303 Front Street N, Issaquah

Everett Performing Arts Center (EPAC)

2710 Wetmore Avenue, Everett

WHEN:**November 14, 2023–January 28, 2024**

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