RBTL ANNOUNCES THE 2015-2016 M&T BANK BROADWAY SEASON AT RBTL’S AUDITORIUM THEATRE

(Rochester, NY) – The 2015-2016 M&T Bank Broadway Season at RBTL’s Auditorium Theatre, presented by the Rochester Broadway Theatre League (RBTL) and Partner Albert Nocciolino, has been announced! During the ‘14-'15 Season, audiences have been entertained by THE BOOK OF MORMON, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN’S CINDERELLA, PIPPIN and ANNIE, and ANYTHING GOES and KINKY BOOTS are still to come! In the upcoming ‘15-'16 Season, Rochester will see another award-winning lineup to be comprised of:

NEWSIES
October 6-11, 2015
They delivered the papers, until they made the headlines…Direct from Broadway comes NEWSIES, the smash-hit, crowd-pleasing new musical from Disney. Winner of the 2012 Tony Awards® for Best Score and Best Choreography, NEWSIES has audiences and critics alike calling it “A MUSICAL WORTH SINGING ABOUT!” (The New York Times). Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it’s a high-energy explosion of song and dance you just don’t want to miss. Based on true events, NEWSIES tells the captivating story of a band of underdogs who become unlikely heroes when they stand up to the most powerful men in New York. It’s a rousing tale about fighting for what’s right…and staying true to who you are. NEWSIES was brought to the stage by an award-winning creative team. It features a score by Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast) and Jack Feldman (The Lion King II: Simba’s Pride) and a book by Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), with choreography by Christopher Gattelli (South Pacific) and direction by Jeff Calhoun (Big River). Now is the time to seize the day with NEWSIES.

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL
November 10-15, 2015
“MORE THAN A BROADWAY SHOW. A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC THAT TRANSFORMED AMERICA!” – CBS Sunday Morning. It began as one man's story… became everyone's music… and is now Broadway's musical. MOTOWN THE MUSICAL is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy’s journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Featuring classic songs such as “My Girl” and “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” experience the story behind the music in the record-breaking smash hit MOTOWN THE MUSICAL!

IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS THE MUSICAL™ ©2015
December 15-20, 2015
Stop dreaming, Rochester is guaranteed a White Christmas! IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS, the stage adaptation of the beloved classic film is coming to Rochester this holiday season. Bring your loved ones for a heart-warming celebration of Americana. IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS tells the story of two showbiz buddies putting on a show in a picturesque Vermont inn, and finding their perfect mates in the bargain. Full of dancing, romance, laughter and some of the greatest songs ever written, including “Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep,” “Happy Holiday,” “Sisters,” “Blue Skies,” and the unforgettable title song, IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS promises to be a merry and bright experience for the entire family! The New York Times exclaims “this cozy trip down memory lane should be put on your wish list.” And, the New York Daily News hailed IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS as “a holiday card come to life.” IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS features Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin with Book by David Ives and Paul Blake and is based upon the Paramount Pictures film written for the screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank.

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BEAUTIFUL – THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL
March 8-13, 2016
Long before she was Carole King, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, Brooklyn girl with passion and chutzpah. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock ‘n’ roll. But it wasn’t until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. BEAUTIFUL – The Carole King Musical tells the inspiring true story of King’s remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. Featuring a stunning array of beloved songs written by Gerry Goffin/Carole King and Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil, including “I Feel The Earth Move,” “One Fine Day,” “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman.” “You’ve Got A Friend” and the title song, BEAUTIFUL has a book by Tony® Award-nominee and Academy® Award-nominated writer Douglas McGrath, direction by Marc Bruni, choreography by Josh Prince and took home two 2014 Tony® Awards and the 2015 Grammy® for Best Musical Theater Album. BEAUTIFUL is currently playing to sold out crowds at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre on Broadway.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL
April 12-17, 2016
"REJOICE. It is even more glorious than promised.” - New York Times. “WELCOME TO THE DELIRIOUSLY AMUSING, HEARTWARMING, HEADSPINNING WORLD OF MATILDA THE MUSICAL. YOU WON’T WANT TO LEAVE.” – Bloomberg News. TIME Magazine’s #1 Show of the Year! Winner of 50 international awards, including four Tony Awards®, MATILDA THE MUSICAL is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, MATILDA continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages on Broadway and in London’s West End. The Wall Street Journal says, “The makers of MATILDA have done the impossible – triumphantly! It is smart, sweet, zany and stupendous fun.”

DIRTY DANCING
May 10-15, 2016
DIRTY DANCING – THE CLASSIC STORY ON STAGE is an unprecedented live experience, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensational dancing. Seen by millions across the globe, this worldwide smash hit features the hit songs “Hungry Eyes,” “Hey Baby,” “Do You Love Me?” and the heart-stopping “(I’ve Had) The Time Of My Life.” London’s Sunday Express says, “This crowd-pleasing stage adaptation hits the jackpot!” It’s the summer of 1963, and 17-year-old Frances “Baby” Houseman is on vacation in New York’s Catskill Mountains with her older sister and parents. Baby discovers her own entertainment when she stumbles upon the staff quarters where an all-night dance party is in full swing. Mesmerized by the raunchy dance moves and the pounding rhythms, Baby can’t wait to be part of the scene, especially when she catches sight of Johnny Castle the resort dance instructor. Baby’s life is about to change forever as she is thrown in at the deep end as Johnny’s leading lady both on-stage and off with breathtaking consequences. Don’t miss your chance to see this record-breaking and adventurous theatre sensation. You’ll have the time of your life!

In addition to the M&T Bank Broadway Season lineup, several Season Specials, will also be presented by RBTL and Albert Nocciolino. Shows will be announced throughout the Season, but at this time, we are pleased to announce Andrew Lloyd Webber’s new production of THE WIZARD OF OZ, takes the stage in January and BLUE MAN GROUP returns in February.

RBTL and Albert Nocciolino are thrilled to be bringing another sensational season of touring Broadway to Rochester! 6-show Season Ticket Packages, for as low as $225 are on sale now to both renewing and new Subscribers. For additional information on Subscriber benefits or to purchase Season Tickets please call 585.222.5000. Season Tickets are also available online at www.rbtl.org and in person at the Auditorium Theatre Box Office. Individual tickets are not on sale at this time.

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Interviews with Presenter Albert Nocciolino will be available upon request.