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**“KANSAS CITY CHOIR BOY” FEATURING TODD ALMOND & COURTNEY LOVE
BEGINS PERFORMANCES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Special DouglasPlus Event at the Kirk Douglas Theatre
Opens October 18 and Continues Through November 8**

“Kansas City Choir Boy,” with music and lyrics by Todd Almond, featuring Almond and rock icon Courtney Love, begins performances with three previews Thursday, October 15, 2015, through Saturday, October 17 at 8 p.m., and opens Sunday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. The show, which is a special DouglasPlus event, will run through November 8.

Kevin Newbury directs this operetta, an “irresistible gem” said Joe Lynch of Billboard, which tells of lovers in small town America who become separated when the woman decides to travel to New York City in search of her destiny, and then she disappears.

Almond and Love will be joined by a chorus of sirens played by Kate Douglas, Angel Lin, Molly McAdoo, Barrie McLain, Angela Sclafani and Sylvester Wallace, and a string quartet featuring Sarah Goldfeather (violin), Josh Henderson (violin), Sarah Elizabeth Haines (viola), Eric Allen (cello) and Rachel Iba (violin substitute) under the musical direction of David Bloom.

Will Hermes of Rolling Stone called “Kansas City Choir Boy” “unsurprisingly awesome” when it premiered at the Prototype Festival of new opera and musical theatre at the HERE Arts Center in January 2015.

Paula Mejia of Newsweek said, “The show, which sold out its entire run soon after it was announced ... [has] music ranging from bouncy electro-pop to orchestral crescendos. It most closely resembles a Greek tragedy, with its chorus of six sprites, swells of elation and agony, and its dash of melodrama ... Like Love, her character is feral and fearless alongside her onstage lover, the talented composer and actor Todd Almond, in this enchanting allegory about human resilience amid grief.”

Jayson Greene of Pitchfork said, “Love hasn’t found an outlet for her freakish preternatural charisma or vocal gifts this powerful in years.”

Tickets are available online at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org, by calling CTG Audience Services at (213) 628-2772, in person at the Center Theatre Group box office (at the Ahmanson Theatre at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles) or at the Kirk Douglas Theatre box office two hours prior to performances.

The Kirk Douglas Theatre is located at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City, CA 90232. Ample free parking and restaurants are adjacent.

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October 8, 2015