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CENTER THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS "BROADWAY AT GRAND PARK" FRIDAY APRIL 28
Free Concert from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Grand Park Across From The Music Center
"Into the Woods and "Jersey Boys" Casts Perform Hits From Their Smash Broadway Shows

"Jersey Boys" to Perform "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh, What A Night"

On Friday, April 28, Center Theatre Group will launch the newly created free concert event "Broadway at Grand Park" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with cast members from the Ahmanson Theatre's "Into the Woods" and "Jersey Boys" performing some of the biggest hits from these popular shows. The concert is free and open to the public.

Mark Ballas as Frankie Valli will lead the Jersey Boys for the Grand Park concert with **Matthew Dailey, Keith Hines** and **Cory Jeacoma** as Tommy DeVito, Nick Massi and Bob Gaudio, respectively. The Jersey Boys will perform the hits **"Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh, What A Night," "Who Loves You"** and **"Can't Take My Eyes Off You."** Cast members from "Into the Woods" will perform a selection of favorites from the hit Sondheim musical.

Ballas will reprise his acclaimed Broadway performance as Frankie Valli in the Ahmanson engagement of "Jersey Boys." Ballas, known for his Emmy nominated work on "Dancing with the Stars," made his Broadway debut in the role last fall. "Jersey Boys," plays at the Ahmanson May 16 through June 24, 2017.

The acclaimed Fiasco Theater Company's "Into the Woods" is currently playing at Center Theatre Group's Ahmanson Theatre through May 14. The Tony Award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, is directed by Noah Brody and Ben Steinfeld.

"Into the Woods" includes memorable songs like **"Children Will Listen"** and **"No One Is Alone."** Mind the wolf, heed the witch and honor the giant in the sky in this extraordinary musical about the power of wishes and what really happens after they come true. The award-winning musical has been mounted with boundless imagination: a witty and wild theatrical reinvention of a beloved modern classic.

Music and lyrics for "Into the Woods" are by Stephen Sondheim, the book is by James Lapine and the co-directors are Noah Brody and Ben Steinfeld.

The Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning hit musical “Jersey Boys” is the behind-the-music story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard – and the radio just couldn’t get enough of it. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story – a story that has made them an international sensation all over again.

The book for “Jersey Boys” is by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, the music is by Bob Gaudio, the lyrics are by Bob Crewe, the choreography is by Sergio Trujillo and the director is Des McAnuff.

Bank of America is the season sponsor for the Ahmanson Theatre and Delta Airlines is the official airline sponsor.

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation’s preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles’ leading nonprofit theatre company, programming seasons at the 736-seat Mark Taper Forum and 1600 to 2000-seat Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the 317-seat Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. In addition to presenting and producing the broadest range of theatrical entertainment in the country, Center Theatre Group is one of the nation’s leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics and circumstance to serve Los Angeles.

Grand Park Mainstage is located at 200 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012. The event will also feature a pop-up box office open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Grand Park so attendees may purchase tickets for “Into the Woods” and “Jersey Boys.”

Tickets for “Into the Woods” and “Jersey Boys” are available by calling (213) 972-4400, online at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org or by visiting the Center Theatre Group box office located at the Ahmanson Theatre. Tickets will also be available for purchase from 11:30 to 2 p.m. in Grand Park on Friday, April 28 only. Tickets range from \$25 – \$125 (ticket prices are subject to change). The Ahmanson Theatre is located at The Music Center, 135 N. Grand Avenue in Downtown Los Angeles, 90012

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