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**“SOMETHING ROTTEN!” PRESENTED BY CENTER THEATRE GROUP
AT THE AHMANSON THEATRE OPENS NOVEMBER 21
AND PLAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 31**



**“A DELIRIOUSLY ENTERTAINING new musical comedy that brings down the house!”
–New York Post**

“FRESH, IRREVERENT and HYSTERICAL!” –AP

Presented by Center Theatre Group, the Los Angeles engagement of **“Something Rotten!”** opens Tuesday, November 21 at 8 p.m. at the Ahmanson Theatre. The completely original new musical is directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner **Casey Nicholaw** (“The Book of Mormon,” “Aladdin”), with music and lyrics by Grammy Award winner and Tony Award nominee **Wayne Kirkpatrick** and Golden Globe Award and Tony Award nominee **Karey Kirkpatrick** and a book by Tony Award nominees **Karey Kirkpatrick** and best-selling author **John O’Farrell**. Performances will continue through December 31.

Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, “Something Rotten!” comes to Los Angeles with three principal cast members direct from Broadway: **Rob McClure** as Nick Bottom, **Adam Pascal** as Shakespeare and **Josh Grisetti** as Nigel Bottom.

The touring cast also features **Maggie Lakis** as Bea, **Blake Hammond** as Nostradamus, **Autumn Hurlbert** as Portia, **Scott Cote** as Brother Jeremiah and **Jeff Brooks** as Shylock.

Rounding out the ensemble are **Lucy Anders**, **Kyle Nicholas Anderson**, **Kate Bailey**, **Daniel Beeman**, **Brandon Bieber**, **Mandie Black**, **Nick Rashad Burroughs**, **Ian Campayno**, **Pierce Cassidy**, **Drew Franklin**, **Cameron Hobbs**, **Ralph Meitzler**, **Patrick John Moran**, **Joel Newsome**, **Con O’Shea-Creal**, **Kaylin Seckel**, **Sarah Quinn Taylor**, **Tonya Thompson** and **Emily Trumble**.

The award-winning design team of Broadway veterans includes **Scott Pask** (scenic design), **Gregg Barnes** (costume design), **Jeff Croiter** (lighting design), **Peter Hylenski** (sound design), **Josh**

Marquette (hair design), **Phil Reno** (music direction / conductor), **Glen Kelly** (arrangements), **Larry Hochman** (orchestrations), **Steve Bebout** (associate director), and casting by **Telsey + Company/Bethany Knox, CSA**.

From the director of “Aladdin” and co-director of “The Book of Mormon” and the producer of “Rent,” “Avenue Q” and “In the Heights,” this hilarious new musical comedy tells the story of brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom, two playwrights stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rockstar Will Shakespeare. When a soothsayer foretells the next big thing in theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, the Bottom brothers set out to write the world's very first musical. With the most singing, the most dancing and the most gut-busting laughs on Broadway, it's something wonderful... something for everyone... It's “Something Rotten!,” “the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years” (Time Out New York)!

With its heart on its ruffled sleeve and sequins in its soul, “Something Rotten!” is an uproarious dose of pure Broadway fun and an irresistible ode to musicals — those dazzling creations that entertain us, inspire us and remind us that everything’s better with an exclamation point!

Center Theatre Group, one of the nation’s preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles’ leading nonprofit theatre company, which, under Artistic Director Michael Ritchie, programs 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.

Tickets for “Something Rotten!” 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 range from \$30 – \$140 (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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