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**TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR JOHN LEGUIZAMO'S "LATIN HISTORY FOR MORONS"
AT CENTER THEATRE GROUP/AHMANSON THEATRE JULY 18 AT NOON**

**Special On-Sale Event Includes Buy One Get One Free Ticket Offer
at the Ahmanson Theatre Box Office for the First Eight Hours Only**

Tickets for the Los Angeles engagement of **"Latin History for Morons,"** written by and starring John Leguizamo, at Center Theatre Group/Ahmanson Theatre, will go on sale to the public at noon on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Tickets will be available online at CenterTheatreGroup.org or by phone at (213) 972-4400. Patrons who come to the Ahmanson Theatre Box Office between noon and 8 p.m. on July 18 only will qualify for a buy one get one free ticket offer (up to two free tickets) for performances September 5 – 15, 2019. "Latin History for Morons" runs September 5 through October 20, 2019, with the opening set for Sunday, September 8.

To kick off the day, from noon to 2 p.m., there will be food trucks on the Hope Street side of The Music Center (between First and Temple), Upstage Burger will be open and a DJ from K-LOVE (107.5 FM) will be playing music on the Music Center Plaza.

Inspired by the near total absence of Latinos from his son's American history books, John Leguizamo embarks on an outrageously funny, frenzied search to find a Latin hero for his son's school project. From a mad recap of the Aztec empire to stories of unknown Latin patriots of the Revolutionary War and beyond, Leguizamo breaks down the 3,000 years between the Mayans and Pitbull into 110 irreverent and uncensored minutes above and beyond his unique style.

Leguizamo began his work on "Latin History for Morons" with celebrated, sold-out development engagements at The Public Theater and Berkeley Repertory Theatre followed by a Tony-nominated run at Broadway's Studio 54. Directed by Tony Taccone ("Wishful Drinking," "Bridge & Tunnel"), "Latin History for Morons" is written and performed by Leguizamo, featuring scenic design by Rachel Hauck, lighting design by Alexander V. Nichols, and original music and sound design by Bray Poor.

"Latin History for Morons" is the sixth offering for theatre's most prolific modern Latino playwright and his fourth to be produced on Broadway, joining "Ghetto Klown"

(Outer Critics Circle Award, Drama Desk Award), “Freak” (Drama Desk Award) and “Sexaholix...A Love Story”(Tony nomination). “Mambo Mouth” (Obie Award) and “Spic-O-Rama” (Drama Desk Award) each had successful off-Broadway runs. “Mambo Mouth,” “Spic-O-Rama,” “Freak” and “Ghetto Klown” all went on to be filmed for presentation on HBO. “Latin History for Morons” earned Leguizamo a 2018 Special Tony Award.

Ben Brantley of The New York Times called “Latin History for Morons” a “surprisingly poignant one-man show.” He went on to say, “the show slyly poses sharp and timely questions of what culturally defines American identity and who, in the nationalistic age of Trump, has ‘the right’ to be here.”

David Canfield of Entertainment Weekly concluded, “With ‘Latin History for Morons,’ Leguizamo isn’t merely teaching us what we’ve never been taught. He’s giving us a space to cheer and cry, to laugh and listen.”

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 2100-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.

Bank of America is the season sponsor and Delta Air Lines is the official airline sponsor for Center Theatre Group’s 2019-2020 season at the Ahmanson Theatre.

Tickets for “Latin History for Morons” begin at \$35 (ticket prices are subject to change). Subscriptions for the 2019 – 2020 Season at the Ahmanson Theatre, are available by phone at (213) 972-4400 and online at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org/Ahmanson.

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