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## ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY PRESENTS, THE INAUGURAL NORTH AMERICAN TOUR OF THE WORLD-WIDE SMASH HIT 2.5D MUSICAL ANIME SENSATION, *PRETTY GUARDIAN SAILOR MOON: THE SUPER LIVE,* APRIL 22, 2025

"A dazzling and faithful adaptation that captures the magic and spirit of the beloved anime." – *Variety* 

"A whimsical, occasionally magical experience that will delight fans of the original series and anime newcomers alike." - The New York Times

"A triumph for fans of the '90s anime classic, *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live* is a delightful and nostalgic escapade." – *Time* 

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 6, 2025)** – Ensemble Arts Philly is thrilled to present *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live*, the world-wide smash hit 2.5D musical sensation based on the wildly popular Manga (comic book), at the Miller Theater on April 22, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. With a mix of action, heartfelt moments, and iconic music, this production sees the manga characters brought to life on stage in an epic story-telling live show experience guaranteed to wow audiences, creating an unforgettable experience for fans and newcomers alike. *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live* will be performed in Japanese with English subtitles.

With book, lyrics, and direction by Kaori Miura (*Musical: The Prince of Tennis, Tokyo Revengers The Musical*), choreography by Satomi Toma, and music by Go Sakabe and KYOHEI, the visually stunning show follows the stories of Usagi Tsukino, a teenage girl who transforms into the heroic Sailor Moon. Together, with her fellow Sailor Guardians, she battles many dark forces to protect the Earth from evil.

"This beloved story leaps from screen to stage with a female creative team and all-female cast," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. "We are thrilled to bring this to Philadelphia fans as part of a North American tour, united together to watch these 'guardians' save the planet once again."

One of the most popular Mangas of all time, *Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon* is a global cultural phenomenon. Created by Naoko Takeuchi, *Sailor Moon* began as a Manga in 1991 in Japan in a girls' comic magazine published by Kodansha and has since sold over 46 million copies worldwide and been translated into over 17 languages. It has been adapted as an anime and a live action tv series, which has aired in over 40 countries.

*Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live* premiered at the AiiA 2.5 Theater Tokyo in August 2018. Following its European premiere in Paris in November 2018, the show had its US premiere in Washington D.C. and New York in March 2019, selling out within minutes and drawing audiences from over 40 states. It has since played a hugely successful run in Taiwan.

Other featured upcoming performances include **David Nihill:** *Shelf Help Tour* (March 6, 2025, Perelman Theater); *Sheng Wang* (March 7, 2025, Miller Theater); *Sh!t-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing* (March 8, 2025, Perelman Theater); *Bitch Sesh: The You've Got a Friend in Me Tour* (April 12, 2025, Miller Theater); and Jimmy Carr: *Laughs Funny* (June 23, 2025, Miller Theater).

#### Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at <u>www.ensembleartsphilly.org</u>. Inperson ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See <u>www.ensembleartsphilly.org</u> for more information.

#### Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live

Miller Theater Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 8:00 p.m.

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