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Madison, Wis. (August 15, 2022) — The First National Tour of *Mean Girls*— the record-breaking new musical comedy produced by Lorne Michaels, Stuart Thompson, Sonia Friedman and Paramount Pictures based on the hit film—is coming to Overture Center on Tuesday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 4. Tickets are available at **overture.org**, in person at the ticket office or by calling 608.258.4141.

Mean Girls features a book by nine-time Emmy Award® winner **Tina Fey**, based on her screenplay for the film, music by three-time Emmy Award® winner **Jeff Richmond** and lyrics by two-time Tony Award® nominee **Nell Benjamin**. Tony Award® winner **Casey Nicholaw** directs and choreographs.

Mean Girls opened on Broadway in April 2018 to rave reviews at the **August Wilson Theatre**, following its world premiere at the **National Theatre** in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2017.

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung.

New York Magazine calls *Mean Girls* "HILARIOUS! A smart, splashy new musical that delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." Chicago Tribune said, "Tina Fey writes FUNNIER, SMARTER, SHARPER satire than anyone else in the business." People Magazine calls the show "FRESH, FUN AND INFECTIOUS — Jeff Richmond and Nell Benjamin's songs keep the laughs coming!" The New York Daily News said *Mean Girls* "TICKLES THE EARS, EYES AND FUNNY BONE — the

direction by Casey Nicholaw packs style, invention and red bull-force energy." And Entertainment Weekly calls it "A MARVEL: DAZZLING & HILARIOUS!"

The tour cast will feature **English Bernhardt** as Cady Heron, **Nadina Hassan** as Regina George, **Jasmine Rogers** as Gretchen Wieners, **Morgan Ashley Bryant** as Karen Smith, **Lindsay Heather Pearce** as Janis Sarkisian, **Eric Huffman** as Damian Hubbard, **Adante Carter** as Aaron Samuels, **Kabir Bery** as Kevin G., **April Josephine** as Mrs. Heron/Ms. Norbury/Mrs. George., **Lawrence E. Street** as Mr. Duvall and **Adriana Scalice** as Standby for Cady, Regina and Janis.

The cast also includes Wesley J. Barnes, Erica Simone Barnett, Noah Blessing, DeShawn Bowens, Susie Carroll, Brittany Conigatti, Mary Beth Donahoe, Niani Feelings, Sky Flaherty, Samuel Gerber, Jamary Gil, Dan Horn, Maya Imani, Asia Marie Kreitz, Olivia Renteria, Grace Romanello, Sydney Mei Ruf-Wong, Marcus Shane, Kaitlyn Louise Smith, Tovi Wayne and Iain Young.

The creative team includes Scott Pask (Set Design), Gregg Barnes (Costume Design), Kenneth Posner (Lighting Design), Brian Ronan (Sound Design), Finn Ross & Adam Young (Video Design), Josh Marquette (Hair Design), Milagros Medina-Cerdeira (Make-Up Design), Mary-Mitchell Campbell (Music Director), John Clancy (Orchestrations), Glen Kelly (Dance and Incidental Music Arrangements), Mary-Mitchell Campbell, Jeff Richmond and Natalie Tenenbaum (Vocal Arrangements), Howard Joines (Music Coordinator) and Telsey + Co / Bethany Knox, CSA (Casting).

Mean Girls (Original Broadway Cast Recording), produced by Atlantic Records, is now available.

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