



Umbrella to Stage Iconic Rock Musical *RENT*

CONCORD, MA— October 15, 2022 — The Umbrella Stage Company will rock Metrowest with an electric new production of Jonathan Larson's iconic musical, *RENT*, running Nov. 11-Dec. 4, 2022.

Directed by Julia Deter (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *The Old Man and The Old Moon*), the production makes stunning use of The Umbrella Arts Center's newly constructed, state-of-the-art Main Stage Theater144. The design immerses us in the lives of a group of impoverished artists and friends in NYC's East Village as they struggle through the AIDS epidemic and financial hardship to follow their dreams without selling out.

Winner of the Tony for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *RENT* has achieved classic status, its themes of love, discrimination, finding one's voice, and living *La Vie Boheme* in the face of uncertainty and enormous loss resonating anew with audiences today.

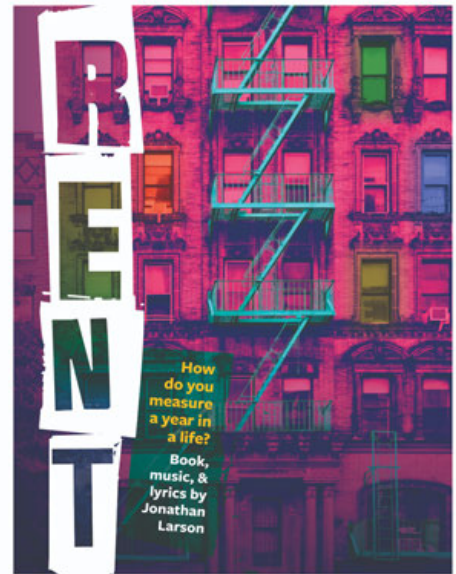
"The particulars of this late-Eighties re-envisioning of *La Boheme* may be of its time," says Producing Artistic Director Brian Boruta. "But the experience of isolation, fear and courage amidst epidemic, gender discrimination, eviction, economic and social inequities has new currency for us all in 2022."

The production stars Temma Beaudreau as Maureen, Brian Demar Jones* as Tom, Maria Norris as Joanne, Dominic Pecikonis as Angel, Isa Sanchez as Mimi, Errol Service, Jr. as Mark, Jake Smerechniak as Roger, and Jared Troilo* as Benjamin, and features John Breen, Vanessa Calantropo, Shani Farrell, Eleni Kontzamanys, Emily Lambert, H.C. (Len) Lee, Alex Massarotti, Kara Chu Nelson and David Rodrigues.

RENT will run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8PM, with a 3PM Sunday matinee. Purchase tickets at TheUmbrellaArts.org or 978-371-0820 x209. Senior, Student, and Group prices are available.

The Umbrella is ADA accessible, a proud partner in the Massachusetts Cultural Council's EBT Card-to-Culture program, and provides free parking and free admission to its visual arts galleries.

See <https://TheUmbrellaArts.org/Rent>



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WHAT

RENT

WHO

Book, music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson; Directed by Julia Deter. With Temma Beaudreau, Brian Demar Jones*, Maria Norris, Dominic Pecikonis, Isa Sanchez, Errol Service, Jr., Jake Smerechniak, Jared Troilo*, and featuring John Breen, Vanessa Calantropo, Shani Farrell, Eleni Kontzamanys, Emily Lambert, H.C. (Len) Lee, Alex Massarotti, Kara Chu Nelson, David Rodrigues.

WHEN

RUN: Nov. 11-Dec. 4, 2022

PRESS OPENING: Saturday Nov. 12, 2022, at 8:00PM

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8PM; Sundays 3PM

WHERE

The Umbrella Arts Center, 40 Stow Street, Concord, MA 01742

ABOUT SUMMARY

The Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning phenomenon invites us into the lives of a group of artists and friends in NYC's East Village as they struggle through the AIDS epidemic and financial hardship to follow their dreams without selling out. For almost 30 years RENT has inspired generations of audiences to choose love over fear and to live without regret. This is theater at its best – exuberant, passionate and joyous. La Vie Boheme!

Tickets \$20-\$55

Discounts for students, seniors, military families, groups, Card-to-Culture eligible attendees

Group Discounts: Groups of 10 – 14 save 10%; groups of 15 and up save 15%. EBT, WIC, ConnectorCare Card-to-Culture discounts available. Contact the Box Office for more details.

Press Photos available from Stewart@TheUmbrellaArts.org, 978-371-0820 x211, or [online here](#).

ACCESS

The Umbrella is wheelchair accessible. Large Print playbills and Assistive Listening Devices are available by advance request to Cregan@TheUmbrellaArts.org or 978-371-0820 x209. Marked all-gender bathrooms available.

BOX OFFICE & PRESS TICKETS CONTACT

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MEET THE CAST OF

RENT

DIRECTED BY
JULIA DETER

WITH



TEMMA BEAUDREAU
AS MAUREEN JOHNSON



BRIAN DEMAR JONES*
AS TOM COLLINS



MARIA NORRIS
AS JOANNE JEFFERSON



DOMINIC PECIKONIS
AS ANGEL DUMOTT SCHUNARD



ISA SÁNCHEZ
AS MIMI MÁRQUEZ



ERROL SERVICE, JR.
AS MARK COHEN



JAKE SMERECHNIAK
AS ROGER DAVIS



JARED TROILO*
AS BENJAMIN COFFIN III



JOHN
BREEN



VANESSA
CALANTROPO



SHANI
FARRELL



ELENI
KONTZAMANYS



EMILY
LAMBERT



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LEE



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MASSAROTTI



KARA CHU
NELSON



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