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MARIN THEATRE COMPANY EXTENDS *WOODY GUTHRIE'S AMERICAN SONG*, A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDARY SONGWRITER, THROUGH JUNE 27

MILL VALLEY, CA—Marin Theatre Company announced today that due to extraordinary ticket demand it will extend *Woody Guthrie's American Song* by one week. Bay Area audiences now have the chance to enjoy this stirring musical through June 27.

"Sung beautifully by a small ensemble cast, Guthrie's songs are rousing and spellbinding in all the right places," says Sam Hurwitt of the Marin Independent Journal. Jerry Friedman of KGO says, "One of the best shows that I have ever seen . . . A marvelous evening of musical entertainment . . . a must see!"

Conceived, adapted and directed by Peter Glazer, this musical has been pleasing audiences since its premiere in 1988. It won the Bay Area Critics Circle Award for best musical in its co-production at Berkeley Rep and San Jose Repertory Theatre in 1992.

Legendary folk singer **Woody Guthrie** wrote songs about hard times—the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, high unemployment, and war. He also sang about the joy of being alive and being an American. Based on Woody Guthrie's extensive writings and songs, this stirring musical follows Guthrie as he rambles coast to coast from California to the New York Islands. It features about two dozen of his most famous songs.

Woody Guthrie is well known for his many songs as well as his travels across the country during the Great Depression. He was a figurehead for the folk music movement, inspiring numerous musicians including Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, U2, REM, and Pete Seeger. His music and writings are archived in the Library of Congress.

Playwright and director **Peter Glazer** has directed many productions of *Woody Guthrie's American Song* since its inception. Glazer's other work includes *O'Carolan's Farewell to Music* and the musical *Matthew, Margaret, Pat and Kate* which MTC produced in 1994. He is a professor at UC Berkeley.

The MTC cast includes Bay Area actors and musicians **Sam Misner** and **Megan Smith** of the band Misner & Smith, along with **Lisa Asher**, **Matthew Mueller**, and **Berwick Haynes**. They are backed by a three-person band that includes **Harry Yaglijian**, **Chuck Ervin** and **Tony Marcus**, who serves as musical director.

Production photos are now available at
http://marintheatre.org/media_photos.php#7

FACTS & CALENDAR INFORMATION

For more information visit www.marintheatre.org or call 415.388.5208.
Marin Theatre Company is located at 397 Miller Ave, Mill Valley CA 94941.

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Performance Schedule Now – June 27

Tues, Thu, Fri & Sat 8:00 pm

Wed 7:30 pm

Sun 7:00 pm

Matinees: Thu June 10, 1:00 pm | Sat June 5, 20, and 26 2:00 pm | Every Sun 2:00 pm

Please check www.marintheatre.org or call box office at 415.388.5208 for exact performance dates and times.

Ticket Prices

Tues: \$34

Wed, Thu, & Sun Evenings: \$37 & \$44

Fri: \$42 & \$49

Sat Evenings: \$47 & \$54

Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun Matinees: \$37 & \$44

Discounts available:

Student tickets: \$20, all performances

Senior discounts, varies by performance, please call

RUSH tickets \$15, available one-half hour prior to show, based on availability

Pay-What-You-Can Tuesdays

For group sales, contact Julie Knight, 415-388-5200 x3302

ABOUT MTC. Marin Theatre Company is the Bay Area's premiere mid-sized theater and the leading professional theater in the North Bay. We produce a five- to six-show season of provocative plays by passionate playwrights from the 20th century and today in two intimate theaters—a 231-seat proscenium and a 99-seat thrust. We are committed to the development and production of new plays by American playwrights, with a comprehensive New Play Program that includes at least one world premiere each season, two nationally recognized annual playwriting awards, numerous new play readings and workshops by the nation's best emerging playwrights, and a leadership position in the National New Play Network. Our numerous educational programs serve more than 6,000 students each year.

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