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RENT 20th Anniversary Tour

Coming to Tacoma September 24-25 at 7:30 p.m.

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TACOMA, WASH.— Tickets are [on sale now](#) for **RENT 20th Anniversary Tour**; the Broadway musical will play Tacoma's Pantages Theater on Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway... and forever changed the landscape of American theatre. Two decades later, Jonathan Larson's **RENT** continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world. And now, this Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award®-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production. A re-imagining of Puccini's *La Bohème*, **RENT** follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters—love.

The show received its world premiere off-Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop on February 13, 1996 to ecstatic reviews and transferred to Broadway on April 29, 1996. **RENT** won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Based on original direction by **Michael Greif** (Tony and Drama Desk Nominations, **RENT**), **Evan Ensign** re-stages the 20th anniversary tour. Original Broadway creatives **Marlies Yearby** (Choreography), **Angela Wendt** (Costume Design), and **Tim Weil** (Music Supervision and Additional Arrangements) are joined by **Jonathan Spencer** (Lighting Design), **Keith Caggiano** (Sound Design), **MiRi Park** (Associate Choreographer), and **Matthew E. Maraffi** (adapting original scenic design by **Paul Clay**) to make up the creative team for the tour. Casting for the tour is by **Wojcik | Seay Casting**.

The [RENT 20th Anniversary Tour](#) is produced by Work Light Productions whose other touring productions include the 2016 Olivier Award-winning production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*, *Bandstand*, and the upcoming tour of the TONY Award winning musical *Ain't Too Proud*.

The [2019-20 cast was announced](#) earlier this month and includes Washington local, Coleman Cummings, who plays lead, Roger Davis. Coleman Cummings attended Pacific Lutheran University during his freshman year and was a member of the male a cappella group, "PLUtonic."

[Tickets to RENT are \\$45, \\$65, \\$89, \\$129 and are on sale now.](#) To purchase tickets, call Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District, or online at www.TacomaArtsLive.org.

More Info: [RENT Tour Website](#)

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