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## **SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE** **“Sister Act”**

San Diego musical theater continues it’s 2019 season with an uplifting and miraculous musical comedy, *Sister Act*. For those of you that missed the 1992 movie from which this musical is created now is the time to redeem yourself.

*Sister Act* tells the story of a wanna be diva Deloris whose life takes an unexpected turn when she witnesses a terrible crime. She is placed in a witness protection program for her safety in the most unlikely of places - a convent. Deloris is renamed Sister Mary Clarence and under the watchful eye of mother superior, takes over the lack luster choir where she breathes unexpected new life into it with her 70 style disco and has the “celibate nuns shaking their buns”! Through music, this diva helps her fellow sisters find their voices as well as her own along the way.

The book is written by Bill and Cheri SteinKellner, the married duo most known for their work on *Cheers* and the music by Alan Menken known for his work with Disney as well as the stage hit, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Together with Glenn Slater’s clever lyrics the songs have a heavenly ring with bounce and appeal.

On the creative side SDMT is thrilled to bring back award winning Larry Raben as director for this fun musical. He remembers the Whoopi Goldberg movie fondly and adds “I absolutely loved the movie when it came out. The musical has all of the hilarity of the film but uses original songs that sound like they were written in the Motown era. It’s the perfect musical for the whole family with amazing songs and a story that entertains and uplifts. You’ll laugh, you’ll boogie in your seat, and you’ll be moved by a heart-warming and faith-affirming story at the core.”

In his choreographic debut for SDMT is Luke Harvey Jacobs. When asked about the choreography he shares the following “I am excited for the challenge of making the

movement exciting and new, while honoring the period styles of Disco and Motown – all while keeping the voice and the vocal strength of the choir at the forefront. My choreography will be the crossroad of the pristine, military-grade routing of today’s best show choirs meets Dance Fever.”

“I am thrilled to pair veteran director, Larry Raben, with up and coming choreographer, Luke Harvey Jacobs, in this gloriously fun musical.”, says Artistic Director, Jill Townsend. “San Diego audiences will rejoice when they hear our talented and diverse cast blow the roof off the Horton Grand Theatre with their masterful vocals under the direction of Don LeMaster. At San Diego Musical Theatre, we love the opportunity to showcase big splashy productions in an intimate setting which makes it all that more exciting for our audiences!”

April 26th through May 26th, 2019 at the Horton Grand Theatre in San Diego's Gaslamp district. For more information on **Sister Act** and SDMT's 2019 Season, call the box office at (858) 560-5740 or visit [www.sdmtd.org](http://www.sdmtd.org).

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## **SISTER ACT FACT SHEET**

### **What: *Sister Act***

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Glenn Slater

Book by Cheri and Bill Steinkellner

Director: Larry Raben

Choreographer: Luke Harvey Jacobs

Musical Director: Don LeMaster

### **When: April 26 - May 26, 2019**

Press Opening: Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 PM

Closing: Sunday, May 26 at 2:00 PM

### **Performance Schedule:**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Thursdays at 7:30 PM

Fridays at 8:00 PM

Saturdays at 8:00 PM

Sundays at 2:00 PM

**Where: The Horton Grand Theatre - 444 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101**

### **Cast:**

**Deloris Van Cartier** Miriam Dance

**Mother Superior** Sandy Campbell\*

**Sister Mary Robert** Sarah Errington\*

**Sister Mary Patrick** Bethany Slomka

**Sister Mary Lazarus** Susan Stuber

**Monsignor O'Hara** Jim Chovick

**Curtis** Berto Fernandez

**Eddie Souther** Jeremy Whatley

**TJ** E.Y. Washington

**Joey** Donny Gersonde

**Pablo** Gerardo Flores Tonella

**Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours** Eve Jack

**Sister Mary Theresa** Kat Fitzpatrick

**Michelle** Reanne Acasio

**Tina** Jasmine January

**Ernie** Trevor Rex

**Ensemble** Kyle Leatherbury

**Nun** Lenelle Wylie

**Nun** Katie Gucik

**Nun** Holly Echsner

**Nun** Erin Vanderhyde

**Nun** Audrey Eytchison

**Nun** Cindy Alfonso

**Nun** Dani Gonzalez

\*Indicates member of Actors Equity Association

**Who:**

Director: **Larry Raben**<sup>^</sup>

Choreographer: **Luke Harvey Jacobs**

Music Director: **Don LeMaster**

Set Design: **Mathys Herbert**

Lighting Design: **Michelle Miles**

Sound Design: **Jon Fredette**

Costume Design: **Janet Pitcher**

Wig & Hair Design: **Peter Herman**

Properties: **Heather Longfellow & Kendall Northrop**

Production Manager: **Ron Christopher Jones**

Technical Director: **Steve Longfellow**

Stage Manager: **Paul Morgavo**

<sup>^</sup> Indicates member of the society of Stage Directors and Choreographers union

**Ticket Information:**

Tickets range from \$30 - \$70. Tickets for *Sister Act* are on sale now.

**Box Office Information:**

Phone: 858-560-5740

Online: [www.sdmmt.org](http://www.sdmmt.org)

In Person: Tickets can be purchased at SDMT's Administrative Office located at 4650 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111.

**Website:** [www.sdmmt.org](http://www.sdmmt.org)

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