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## **TICKETS GO ON SALE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 10A**



**THE FOUR-TIME TONY AWARD®-WINNING NEW MUSICAL  
IS STARTIN' SOMETHIN' IN PROVIDENCE  
JANUARY 21 – 26, 2025  
AT THE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

***Part of the Taco and The White Family Foundation Broadway Series***

**“UTTERLY ELECTRIC!”**

Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune*

**“MJ IS A RUNAWAY HIT!”**

Peter Marks, *The Washington Post*

**Providence, RI** – Producers **Lia Vollack, John Branca, John McClain** and the Providence Performing Arts Center are thrilled to announce that individual tickets for the smash-hit musical, ***MJ***, will go on sale starting Friday, September 13 at 10A at the PPAC Box Office (220 Weybosset St, Providence, RI 02903), by phone at 401.421.ARTS (2787) and at [ppacri.org](http://ppacri.org).

**MJ** makes its Providence premiere at the Providence Performing Arts Center January 21 – 26, 2025 (performance schedule is included below). In Providence, **MJ** is part of the **Taco and The White Family Foundation Broadway Series**.

Tickets are available for groups of 10 or more by calling 401.574.3162 or emailing [phiatt@ppacri.org](mailto:phiatt@ppacri.org) Box Office window and phone hours are Monday – Friday, 10A to 5P, Saturday, 10A to 2P and two hours prior to curtain time on performance days.

He is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. Now, Michael Jackson's unique and unparalleled artistry comes to Providence in **MJ**, the multiple Tony Award®-winning musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour. Created by Tony Award®-winning Director/Choreographer **Christopher Wheeldon** and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner **Lynn Nottage**, **MJ** goes beyond the singular moves and signature sound of the star, offering a rare look at the creative mind and collaborative spirit that catapulted Michael Jackson into legendary status. It's thrilling sold out crowds on Broadway, in cities across North America and in London's West End...and now **MJ** is startin' somethin' in Providence as it makes its premiere at the Providence Performing Arts Center in January 2025.

**Jamaal Fields-Green** plays the title role of 'MJ' after achieving the distinction of being the first and only person to have played the role in all three global productions: on Broadway, on the National Tour and in London's West End. He is joined on tour by **Jordan Markus** (MJ – Alternate) who will play the role twice a week, **Erik Hamilton** (Michael), **Josiah Benson** (Little Michael), **Bane Griffith** (Little Michael), **Devin Bowles** (Joseph Jackson/Rob), **J. Daughtry** (Berry Gordy/Nick), **Josh A. Dawson** (Tito Jackson/Quincy Jones), **Anthony J. Garcia** (Alejandro), **Bryce A. Holmes** (Little Marlon), **Cecilia Petrush** (Rachel), **Jed Resnick** (Dave) and **Anastasia Talley** (Katherine Jackson/Kate).

The ensemble includes **JoJo Carmichael** (Swing/Dance Captain), **Jōvan Dansberry** (Ensemble), **Joshua Dawson** (Swing), **Alaman Diadiou** (MJ/Michael Standby), **Croix Dilenno** (Ensemble/Assistant Dance Captain), **Kellie Drobnick** (Ensemble), **Zuri Noelle Ford** (Swing), **Ui-Seng François** (Swing), **Jahir L. Hipps** (Swing), **Amber Jackson** (Ensemble), **Faith Jones** (Swing), **Rajané Katurah** (Swing), **Matteo Marretta** (Ensemble), **Jay McKenzie** (Ensemble), **Kendrick Mitchell** (Swing), **Zion Mikhail Pradier** (Swing), **Avilon Trust Tate** (Ensemble), **Brion Marquis Watson** (Ensemble), **Charles P. Way** (Swing) and **Malcolm Miles Young** (Ensemble).

The **MJ** creative team features Scenic Design by two-time Tony and Emmy Award winner **Derek McLane**, Lighting Design by seven-time Tony Award winner **Natasha Katz**, Costume Design by Tony and Emmy Award winner **Paul Tazewell**, Sound Design by Tony Award winner **Gareth Owen**, Projection Design by two-time Tony Award nominee **Peter Nigrini**, Hair & Wig Design by two-time Emmy Award nominee **Charles G. LaPointe** and Makeup Design by Emmy nominee **Joe Dulude II**. The creative team also features Musical Supervision by Tony Award nominee **David Holcenberg**, Orchestrations and Arrangements by **David Holcenberg** and Tony Award winner **Jason Michael Webb**, and Music Direction by **Nathanael Wilkerson** and **Jason Yarcho**. Casting by **The Telsey Office / Rachel Hoffman, CSA, Lindsay Levine, CSA**.

The **MJ** First National Tour is general managed by **Bespoke Theatricals**. The stage management team is led by Production Stage Manager **Nicole Olson**, Stage Manager **Xavier Khan** and Assistant Stage Managers **Alexander Pierce**, **Christopher K Anaya-Gorman** and **Lauren Taylor Winston**. The company management team is led by Company Manager **Justin T. Scholl** and Assistant Company Manager **Bianca Jean-Charles**.

For more information worldwide, visit:

[www.mjthemusical.com](http://www.mjthemusical.com) ● [Facebook](#) ● [X](#) ● [Instagram](#).

#### **MJ Performance Schedule in Providence**

- **Tuesday, January 21 at 7P**
- **Wednesday, January 22 at 7P**

- **Thursday, January 23 at 7:30P**
- **Friday, January 24 at 7:30P**
- **Saturday, January 25 at 2P & 8P**
- **Sunday, January 26 at 1P & 6:30P**

#### **ABOUT THE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**THE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (PPAC)** presents touring Broadway productions and some of the biggest names in comedy and concerts. PPAC has been the Theatre of choice for launching 24 national tours since 2008.

Located in the heart of Providence’s arts and entertainment district, PPAC is the second largest theatre of its kind in New England, with a seating capacity of 3100. The Loew’s Theatre Building, which is the historic home of PPAC, opened in October 1928 and is acclaimed for its beauty and grandeur. PPAC is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been consistently ranked as one of the top ten entertainment venues of its size in the United States by industry publications *Pollstar*, *Billboard Magazine* and *VenuesNow*.

Learn more about the Providence Performing Arts Center at [ppacri.org](http://ppacri.org) ● [Facebook](#) ● [X](#) ● [Instagram](#)

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**Jamaal Fields-Green photos are available [HERE](#)**

**Jamaal Fields-Green announcement video is available [HERE](#)**