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10-TIME TONY AWARD®-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

THE BAND'S VISIT

IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, D.C.!



“A JOYOUS MUSICAL CELEBRATION. *The Band’s Visit* unfolds like a rare desert flower that blooms, then fades, in a single night. Its exotic beauty is BREATHTAKING.”

– *The Plain Dealer*

“A gorgeous and justly acclaimed show. The masterpiece of a score makes you realize that we can love and change.”

– *The Chicago Tribune*

(WASHINGTON)—The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is proud to announce that ***THE BAND'S VISIT***, featuring music and lyrics by Tony® and Drama Desk Award®-winner **David Yazbek**, will be returning to Washington, D.C. from July 6–17, 2022. Tickets for the engagement are currently on sale. For more information, please visit the Kennedy Center [website](#).

The Band's Visit is one of four musicals in Broadway history to win the unofficial “Big Six” Tony Awards®, which include Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score, Best Actor in a Musical, Best Actress in a Musical, and Best Direction of a Musical.

THE BAND'S VISIT tells a joyful, offbeat story of a band of musicians who arrive in a town way off the beaten path. Under the spell of the desert sky, with beautiful music perfuming the air, the band brings the town to life in unexpected ways. With a Tony®-and Grammy®-winning score that seduces your soul and sweeps you off your feet, performed by thrillingly talented onstage musicians, **THE BAND'S VISIT** rejoices in the way music makes us laugh, gives us hope, and ultimately, brings us together.

Award-winning Israeli film actor **Sasson Gabay** will reprise the role of *Tewfiq*, the role he created in the 2007 film of **THE BAND'S VISIT** and has played on Broadway and in more than 17 cities on the First National Tour. Joining him to lead the company is the critically acclaimed actress **Janet Dacal** (*Prince of Broadway, Wonderland, In The Heights*) in the role of *Dina*.

The cast will also include **Ali Louis Bourzgui** as *Haled*, **Clay Singer** as *Itzik*, **Yoni Avi Battat** as *Camal*, **Coby Getzug** as *Papi*, **Joshua Grosso** as *Telephone Guy*, **Kendal Hartse** as *Iris*, **David Studwell** as *Avrum*, **Billy Cohen** as *Zelger*, **Layan Elwazani** as *Julia*, **Marc Ginsburg** as *Sammy*, **Ariel Reich** as *Anna*, and **James Rana** as *Simon* along with **Ramin Doostdar**, **Loren Lester**, **Dana Saleh Omar**, **Nick Sacks**, and **Hannah Shankman**.

THE BAND'S VISIT world premiere opened to critical acclaim at the Atlantic Theater Company in December 2016, and opened at Broadway's Ethel Barrymore theatre in November 2017. It went on to play 589 regular performance and 36 previews, breaking the all-time box office record at Broadway's Barrymore Theatre twice and winning 10 Tony Awards® before closing in April 2019. The production was featured in over 20 “Best Of The Year” lists including *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *Entertainment Weekly*. The First National Tour launched in June 2019 and played 17 cities before the touring entertainment industry was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With music and lyrics by Tony Award®-winner **David Yazbek**, and a book by Tony Award®-winner **Itamar Moses**, **THE BAND'S VISIT** won “Best Musical” awards from the Tony Awards®, Drama League, New York Drama Critics' Circle, the Outer Critics Circle, the Lucille Lortel and the Obies. It is based on the screenplay by **Eran Kolirin**, and is directed by Tony Award®-winner **David Cromer**.

The creative team also includes **Patrick McCollum** (Choreography), Tony Award®-winner **Scott Pask** (Set Design), **Sarah Laux** (Costume Design), Tony Award®-winner **Tyler Micoleau** (Lighting Design), Tony Award®-winner **Kai Harada** (Sound Design), **Charles G. LaPointe** (Hair Designer), Tony Award®-winner **Jamshied Sharifi** (Orchestrations), **Andrea Grody** (Music Supervisor & Additional Arrangements), **Dean Sharenow** (Music Supervisor & Music Coordinator) and **Adrian Ries** (Music Director).

THE BAND'S VISIT is produced on tour by **Orin Wolf, StylesFour Productions, Evamere Entertainment, Atlantic Theater Company, David F. Schwartz, Barbara Broccoli, Frederick Zollo, Grove•REG, Lassen Blume Baldwin, Thomas Steven Perakos, Marc Platt, The Shubert Organization, The Baruch/Routh/Frankel/Viertel Group, Robert Cole, DeRoy-Carr-Klausner, Federman-Moellenberg, FilmNation Entertainment, Roy Furman, FVSL Theatricals, Hendel-Karmazin, HoriPro Inc., IPN, JAM Theatricals, The John Gore Organization, Koenigsberg-Krauss, David Mirvish, James L. Nederlander, Al Nocciolino, Once Upon A Time Productions, Susan Rose and Paul Shiverick.** The Executive Producers for **THE BAND'S VISIT** are **Allan Williams** and **Charlie Stone.**

THE BAND'S VISIT original Broadway cast album received the 2019 Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theater Album. The musical is also the recipient of a 2019 Daytime Emmy Award® for a performance of "Answer Me" on NBC's *Today*.

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