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Near West Theatre presents *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, with addition of Sensory and ASL Interpreted performances

Joseph like you've never seen it before runs November 18th – December 11th

CLEVELAND – Before Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, and *Phantom of the Opera*, there was *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, still one of the top 5 most performed musicals in the world. Joseph is father's favorite. Joseph is a gifted psychic. His eleven brothers are very, VERY JEALOUS! It's all here: favoritism, betrayal, attempted murder, fame, famine... and forgiveness. This rock show is turbo-driven family entertainment.

Says Director Bob Navis, "This show is a never-ending parade of surprises and keeps you wondering "what's next?", from the opening note to the finale. Our great cast sparkles with energy and heart. And just when you're laughing the most, out of the blue comes a plot twist or an achingly beautiful melody that has you crying and laughing at the same time. A feast of color, movement, light and magic!"

Near West Theatre strives to make the arts available to all. We are thrilled to announce that for our production of *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* we have two Thursday performances dedicated to people with disabilities.

We will hold an ASL Interpreted Performance by The HeArd on Thursday Dec. 1. The HeArd, a program of Theatrical Interpreting Services of Cleveland, Inc., is a body of professional sign language interpreters who serve the TISC, Inc. mission by providing high-quality creative sign language interpretation to the public performing arts of Northeast Ohio. Specialty seating in front of The HeArd performers for those in the deaf community will be provided. To purchase specialty seating for The HeArd performance please email info@nearwesttheatre.org with your ticket request.

We will hold a Sensory Performance on Thursday Dec. 8. This sensory production will be performed in a friendly, supportive environment for an audience of families and friends of people who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or other sensitivity issues. There will be slight adjustments to the performance including reduction of any jarring sounds or strobe lights focused into the audience. Also, there will be quiet spaces and activity areas set up in the theater lobby for those who need to leave their seats during the performance. For questions about our Sensory Performance please call 219-961-9750 or email sdicken@nearwesttheatre.org.

As always, Near West Theatre's volunteer actors are diverse in race, neighborhood, age, size, physical ability, and acting experience. They range from city and suburban residents on stage for the first time, to actors familiar to the Near West stage and Northeast Ohio audiences. With this ninth production in our new facility, Near West continues to enjoy and explore the possibilities that our new wheelchair accessible, climate controlled building provides.

Reserved Star Seat tickets are \$25; General Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at nearwesttheatre.org or by calling 216-961-6391 weekdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theater, constructed as part of the Gordon Square Arts District capital campaign, is at 6702 Detroit Avenue.

Near West Theatre is grateful for ongoing operating support from the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, Ohio Arts Council, Greater Cleveland Community Shares, and additional 2016-2017 season support from Patron Sponsor Consolidated Solutions.

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Lyrics by Tim Rice

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Near West Theatre, November 18 – December 11, 2016

Cast

Charles Adams (Asher), Felix Albino (Zebulun), Andy Antos, Amanda Bender, Matthew Brightbill (Naphtali), Asha-Bryanna Brown, Sara Danielle Chapman, Robin Woods Davis, Sharron DeCosta, Kelcie Nicole Dugger (Narrator), Domenic Farinelli (Reuben), Albert Foster, Edward Gale, Benjamin Gillooly, Nick Glavan, Jane Gyorki, Alana Hensley-Edelman, Jaye Hill, Sophie Hull, Louis Johnson II (Gad), Kevin Kelly (Potiphar), Bryen Kilban, Robert Kowalewski (Joseph), Jack Lange, Elliot Lebediker, Tricia Lebediker, Sam Maistros, Liz Malloy, Samantha Manoloff, Cory A. Markowitz (Pharaoh), Rachel Miller, Elden Mortensen, Evan Mortensen, Lisa Mortensen, Christene Pantalone, Phil Pantalone (Benjamin), Sam Pantalone (Jacob), Julie Penzvalto (Mrs. Potiphar), Rachel Ploenzke, Jordan Powell (Simeon), Kelsey Rubenking, Beck Saine (Dan), Deepak Sharma (Levi), Natalie Surdy, Taeron Terrell (Judah), Emily Terry, Anna Van Farowe, Rachel Veeneman, Steven Walker (Issachar), Joseph Weppelman, Mae Wimbiscus.

Production staff

Director: Bob Navis Jr. **Music Director/Keyboard Conductor:** Ben Malkevitch. **Assistant Music Director:** Scott Pyle. **Co-Production Managers:** Michael Stein & Ryan Wolf. **Co-Technical Directors:** Josh Padgett & Perren Hedderson. **Facilities Manager:** Josh Padgett. **Video Designer:** Perren Hedderson. **Scenic & Properties Designer:** Cameron Michalak. **Properties Master:** Rachel Paul. **Props Assistant:** Kathleen Russell. **Co-Lighting Designers:** Michael Stein & Tom West. **Sound Designer:** Joshua Caraballo. **Costume Designer:** April Rock. **Choreographer:** Josh Landis. **Stage Manager:** Ryan Wolf. **Assistant Stage Managers:** Allan Stubbs, Alexa Jones, & Reagan Herson. **Scenic Artist:** Jen Hitmar.

Performance dates

Fri., Nov. 18 – 7:30 p.m.	Thurs., Dec. 1. - 7:30 p.m. (Signed)	Thurs., Dec. 8 – 7:30 p.m. (Sensory)
Sat., Nov. 19 – 7:30 p.m.	Fri., Dec. 2 – 7:30 p.m.	Fri., Dec. 9 – 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 25 – 7:30 p.m.	Sat., Dec. 3 – 7:30 p.m.	Sat., Dec. 10 – 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 26 – 7:30 p.m.	Sun., Dec. 4 – 3:00 p.m.	Sun., Dec. 11 – 3:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 27 – 3:00 p.m.		

Suggested performance listing:

Near West Theatre, 6702 Detroit Ave., Cleveland's Gordon Square Arts District. 216-961-6391 or nearwesttheatre.org. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" November 18, 19, 25, 26, December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 at **7:30 p.m.**; November 27, December 4, & 11 at **3 p.m.** Reserved Star Seat: \$25; General Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 children ages 12 and under. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals, 601 West 26th Street, Ste. 312, New York, NY 10001. www.rnh.com.