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**LAURA MICHELLE KELLY and JOSE LLANA**

**TO LEAD THE NATIONAL TOURING COMPANY of**

THE LINCOLN CENTER THEATER PRODUCTION

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN’S

THE KING AND I

DIRECTED BY BARTLETT SHER

WINNER OF FOUR 2015 TONY AWARDS®

including BEST REVIVAL OF A MUSICAL

**ATLANTA LIMITED ENGAGEMENT COMES TO THE FOX THEATRE SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 1, 2017**

***Tickets go on sale July 23***

Ambassador Theatre Group and NETworks Presentations LLC announce that **Laura Michelle Kelly** (Anna Leonowens) and **Jose Llana** (King of Siam) will lead thenational tour of the Lincoln Center Theater production of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s THE KING AND I. Joan Almedilla will play Lady Thiang with Brian Rivera as Kralahome, Manna Nichols as Tuptim, Kavin Panmeechao as Lun Tha, Anthony Chan as Prince Chulalongkorn, Graham Montgomery as Louis Leonowens and Baylen Thomas as Captain Orton/Sir Edward Ramsey. The tour will play a limited engagement at Atlanta’s Fox Theatre from **September 26 – October 1** as part of the Fifth Third Bank Broadway in Atlanta 2017/2018 season.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, July 23. Tickets start at $33.50 and are available by visiting [FoxTheatre.org/King](foxtheatre.org/king), calling 1-855-285-8499 or visiting the Fox Theatre Box Office (660 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). Group orders of 10 or more may be placed by calling 404-881-2000. Performance schedule, prices and cast are subject to change without notice. For more information, please visit [www.TheKingandItour.com](http://www.TheKingandItour.com)or [www.BroadwayInAtlanta.com](http://www.BroadwayInAtlanta.com). Ticket inventory is limited.

***THE KING AND I*** will play at Atlanta’s Fox Theatre September 26 – October 1. The performance schedule is as follows:

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8 p.m.

Saturday 2 p.m., 8 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Director Bartlett Sher had this to say about the leads in THE KING AND I: “Jose was so superb on Broadway in *The King and I* that I begged him to join us on the tour and l feel we are incredibly lucky to have him.  He brings such joy and virility and strength to the King. And he is one of Broadway's great talents.

“Laura Michelle has one of the best voices on Broadway matched with an extraordinary heart. Her work on *Finding Neverland* and *Mary Poppins* distinguished both of those shows with her natural grace and joy. She will be an exquisite Anna Leonowens.”

The ensemble includes Heather Botts, LaMae Caparas, Andrew Cheng, Michelle Liu Coughlin, Daniel J. Edwards, Nicole Ferguson, Marie Gutierrez, Mindy Lai, Darren Lee, Q Lim, Stephanie Lo, Michael Lomeka, Nobutaka Mochimaru, Rommel Pierre O’Choa, Yuki Ozeki, Marcus Shane, Sam Simahk, Michiko Takemasa, Jeoffrey Watson and Kelli Youngman, with Kayla Amistad, Jaden Amistad, Adriana Braganza, Amaya Braganza, Rylie Sickles, Rhyees Stump, Noah Toledo and CJ Uy as the Royal Children.

THE KING AND I, directed by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher, won four 2015 Tony Awards® including Best Revival of a Musical. Hailed as “first-rate, sumptuous” (*The New York Times*) and "too beautiful to miss" (*New York Magazine*), the production played 538 performances on Broadway at the Vivian Beaumont Theater.

Bartlett Sher is reunited with the award-winning creative team from Rodgers & Hammerstein’s *South Pacific* and *The Light in the Piazza*. THE KING AND I has music direction by Ted Sperling, sets by Michael Yeargan, costumes by Catherine Zuber (Tony Award® winner for THE KING AND I), lighting by Donald Holder, sound by Scott Lehrer and casting by Telsey + Company/Abbie Brady-Dalton, CSA. THE KING AND I features choreography by Christopher Gattelli based on the original choreography by Jerome Robbins.

One of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s finest works, THE KING AND I boasts a score that features such beloved classics as “Getting To Know You,” “Hello Young Lovers,” “Shall We Dance,” “I Have Dreamed” and “Something Wonderful.” Set in 1860’s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher, whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children.

For more information including the 2017–18 touring schedule, please visit [www.TheKingandItour.com](http://www.TheKingandItour.com), or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TheKingandIMusical) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/TheKingAndITour).

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