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**GRAMMMY AWARD® WINNER**  
**BRANDY NORWOOD**  
**WILL PLAY ROXIE HART IN D.C. RETURN OF**

**CHICAGO**

**BROADWAY’S RECORD-BREAKING, TONY AWARD®—WINNING MUSICAL  
SMASH TO CELEBRATE TWO-WEEK ENGAGEMENT  
AT THE KENNEDY CENTER, APRIL 4—16, 2017**

(WASHINGTON)—Producers Barry and Fran Weissler and the The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announce that Grammy Award®-winner **Brandy Norwood** will play “Roxie Hart” when the production returns to Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center. **CHICAGO THE MUSICAL** will play a limited two-week engagement from April 4-16, 2017.

Brandy Norwood made her Broadway debut as “Roxie Hart,” playing a limited run in the Broadway production from April 28 through August 2, 2015. *Entertainment Weekly* raved “Norwood’s Broadway debut as the merry murderess comes with a wholly original array of Brandy-grade vocal twists. You’ve likely never heard a Roxie Hart riff like this before!” *BuzzFeed* writes, “Any way you put it, Brandy’s career is iconic. She adds to all that as Roxie Hart in *Chicago*.”

A Grammy Award®-winning singer, songwriter, and actress, Brandy Norwood has sold more than 40 million albums worldwide. She first stole our hearts with her multi-platinum, self-titled

debut album featuring the hit single “I Wanna Be Down.” Her record “The Boy Is Mine” is the longest running #1 song and best-selling duet of all time. As an actress, Brandy has starred in her own sitcom, *Moesha*, and made history in Disney’s television film *Cinderella* as its first black princess, starring alongside her icon Whitney Houston. She recently received a 2014 NAACP Image Award for her role as Chardonnay on BET’s *The Game*. For more information, visit her website at [www.4everbrandy.com](http://www.4everbrandy.com).

Chicago currently stars Terra C. MacLeod as Velma Kelly, Paul Vogt as Amos Hart, Roz Ryan as Matron “Mama” Morton, and C. Newcomer as Mary Sunshine.

With a legendary book by **Fred Ebb** and **Bob Fosse**, music by **John Kander**, and lyrics by **Fred Ebb**, **CHICAGO** is now the #1 longest-running American musical in Broadway history.

Produced by **Barry and Fran Weissler**, **CHICAGO** is the winner of six 1997 Tony Awards® including Best Musical Revival and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Cast Recording.

**CHICAGO** is a production not to be missed. And all the reviewers agree. Time Magazine calls it “A Triumph,” *Newsweek* raves “Smashing,” and *Entertainment Weekly* sums it up by calling **CHICAGO** “Broadway’s Most Electrifying Show.”

Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, **CHICAGO** is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago’s slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today’s tabloids.

The national tour is directed by **David Hyslop** and choreographed by **David Bushman**. **Walter Bobbie** is the director of the original New York Production and **Ann Reinking** was the original choreographer in the style of Bob Fosse. **CHICAGO** features set design by **John Lee Beatty**, costume design by **William Ivey Long**, lighting design by **Ken Billington**, and sound

design by **Scott Lehrer**. The production also features orchestrations by **Ralph Burns**, supervising music direction by **Rob Fisher**.

Official show site: [www.ChicagoTheMusical.com](http://www.ChicagoTheMusical.com)

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

**CHICAGO** runs from April 4 through April 16, 2017 in the Kennedy Center Opera House. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 1:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$49. For more information please visit the Kennedy Center website, in-person at the Kennedy Center box office, or call (202) 467-4600 or (800) 444-1324.

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