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Imagination Stage Presents *Cinderella*: the Perfect Fit for the Holiday Season!

November 3, 2018- January 6, 2019

BETHESDA, MD (October 9, 2018) Just in time for the Holidays, Imagination Stage presents a musical retelling of the beloved fairytale *Cinderella*. Directed by Kathryn Chase Bryer, recipient of the 2018 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Direction in a Musical, and starring Awa Sal Secka (*The Wiz* at Ford's Theatre, *Me... Jane* at The Kennedy Center, *Jesus Christ Superstar* at Signature Theatre) as Cinderella, this wacky adaptation of the classic story follows Cinderella in an extraordinary adventure. When Cinderella's stepmother forbids her from attending the ball, her fairy godmother convinces her that if the shoe fits- wear it! Throw in a wisecracking rat, evil stepsisters, and a smitten prince, and audiences are sure to have a ball with this fresh interpretation of a timeless classic.

"This is Cinderella as audiences have never seen her before- strong, bold, and witty!" said Director Kathryn Chase Bryer. "It's been a joy to work with such a talented and diverse cast to present a show full of humor and heart, stunning swordplay, and fabulous footwear."

***Cinderella*, best for ages 4+**, runs **November 3, 2018 to January 6, 2019** in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre. Tickets start at \$15 and may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660. Group rates are available.

Press tickets and photos are available upon request.
Contact press@imaginationstage.org for more information.

ABOUT THE CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM

Cinderella features a star-studded cast of acclaimed actors. Last seen at Imagination Stage as Lucy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, **Awa Sal Secka** plays Cinderella, adding to an impressive regional resume with credits at The Kennedy Center and Ford's Theatre. **Jay Frisby** plays Prince Jason. Frisby's regional credits include Signature Theatre and Olney Theatre Center, and he has toured nationally and internationally in *Festival of*

the Lion King, *South Pacific*, and *Click Clack Moo*. Previously seen at Imagination Stage in *Doctor Dolittle*, *Perseus Bayou*, and *Merlin and the Cave of Dreams*, **Evan Casey** plays Cinderella's wicked stepmother. Casey's other regional credits include The Kennedy Center and Ford's Theatre. Returning to Imagination Stage after her role in *A Year with Frog and Toad*, **Tracy Lynn Olivera** plays the Fairy Godmother. Olivera received the 2018 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a musical for her role in *A Little Night Music* at Signature Theatre. **Amanda Leigh Corbett** plays Grace. Previous credits include *The Wedding Singer* at NextStop Theatre Company and *Dreamgirls* and *Peter Pan* at Toby's Dinner Theatre. **Angeleaza Anderson**, previously seen in Imagination Stage's *The Jungle Book DC*, plays Temperance. She has also performed with 1st Stage, NextStop Theatre Company, and Adventure Theatre MTC. **Chris Stinson** makes his Imagination Stage debut as Ratford. Stinson has previously performed at The Kennedy Center, Theater J, and Olney Theatre Center. Also making his Imagination Stage debut, **Michael Wood**, previously seen in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Coriolanus* with Shakespeare Theatre Company (ACA), will play the role of Wesley.

Imagination Stage Associate Artistic Director **Kathryn Chase Bryer**, recipient of the 2018 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Direction in a Musical for *Wonderland: Alice's Rock and Roll Adventure*, directs *Cinderella*. The creative team consists of Music Director **Elisa Rosman**, Choreographer **Pauline Grossman**, Fight Choreographer **Tuyet Thi Pham**, Scenic Designer **Paige Hathaway**, Costume Designer **Ivania Stack**, Lighting Designer **William D'Eugenio**, Sound Designer **Joseph Payne**, and Stage Manager **Kathryn Dooley**.

SHOW SCHEDULE

November 3- November 25

- Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

December 1- December 16

- Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

December 22- December 31

- Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

December 31- January 6

- Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Sensory-Friendly performance: December 16, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

ASL-Interpreted performance: January 6, 2019 at 1:30 a.m.

Please call 301-280-1660 for more information and to ensure proper seat location for the Sensory-Friendly and ASL-Interpreted performances.

Tickets: \$15+; best for ages 4+

LOCATION

4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

Parking: Metered parking in the adjacent public parking garage; parking is free on weekends

Metro: Red Line/Bethesda Station

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ABOUT IMAGINATION STAGE

Founded in 1979, Imagination Stage is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to inspire creativity through theatre and arts education programs that nurture, challenge, and empower young people of all abilities. It offers year-round professional theatre for young audiences and classes in creative drama/acting, musical theatre, dance, and filmmaking for ages 1-18.

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