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## **THE BROADWAY SMASH HIT WAITRESS WILL PREMIERE IN SYDNEY IN 2020**

Leading Australian theatre producer **John Frost** is thrilled to announce that Sydney has secured the Australian premiere of Broadway success **WAITRESS** which will open at Sydney Lyric Theatre in 2020.

"I am so excited to bring this original and inspiring production to Australian audiences," said **John Frost**. "Waitress has become a huge hit on Broadway, where it is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and across the US, receiving four Tony nominations, six Drama Desk nominations as well as many other awards and nominations. With music by Grammy nominee **Sara Bareilles**, **WAITRESS** has become the new 'must see' musical."

Minister for Tourism and Major Events Adam Marshall and Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said *Waitress* has been secured exclusively for Sydney by the NSW Government.

"*Waitress*, which premiered in the USA and made its Broadway debut in 2016, has played to packed theatres, and we are delighted to have secured the Australian rights for this production," Mr Harwin said.

Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by 6-time Grammy® nominee **Sara Bareilles** ("Brave," "Love Song"), a book by acclaimed screenwriter **Jessie Nelson** (I Am Sam), choreography by **Lorin Lattaro** (Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Waiting For Godot) and direction by Tony Award® winner **Diane Paulus** (Hair, Pippin, Finding Neverland).

Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, **WAITRESS** tells the story of Jenna - a waitress and expert pie maker, Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life.

"It's an empowering musical of the highest order!" raves the *Chicago Tribune*. "**WAITRESS** is a little slice of heaven!" says *Entertainment Weekly* and "a monumental contribution to Broadway!" according to *Marie Claire*. Don't miss this uplifting musical celebrating friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie.

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