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MEDIA ALERT

ROUND HOUSE THEATRE PREPARES FOR RETURN TO LIVE PERFORMANCES

**COMPANY UNITES WITH LOCAL THEATRES TO
IMPLEMENT COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE,
ANNOUNCES HEALTH & SAFETY PLANS FOR
FALL PERFORMANCES**

**REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR SEASON-OPENING
PRODUCTION *QUIXOTE NUEVO***

Bethesda, Md. (August 6, 2021) – Round House Theatre began rehearsals this week for Octavio Solis’s *Quixote Nuevo* as it announced COVID-19 safety protocols for the 2021-2022 season. Rehearsals began on August 3 for the organization’s first in-person production since March

2020. Originally scheduled for the 2020-2021 season and delayed by the pandemic, *Quixote Nuevo* will run from September 8 to October 3, 2021.

“Gathering the *Quixote Nuevo* cast and our staff together in the same room on Tuesday was one of the great joys of the past 18 months,” said **Round House Theatre Artistic Director Ryan Rilette**. “This modern re-telling of the Don Quixote story will be Round House’s tour-de-force to return to in-person performances with a production that features an incredible level of theatricality.”

This week, the theatre united with 12 local theatres to announce a mandated audience vaccine policy, an unprecedented joint effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Round House Theatre, along with other local performance venues, are committed to the safety of all who work, perform, and visit their sites. Learn more about the unified decision on COVID-19 policies [here](#).

Round House Theatre is actively monitoring conditions and recommendations from local and CDC officials. As of August 5, 2021, the theatre’s policies require that patrons be vaccinated and wear masks while attending performances.

“Our number one priority since the pandemic began has been the safety and well-being of our artists, staff, and audience,” said **Round House Theatre Managing Director Ed Zakreski**.

“Mandating vaccines and masks for the audience is the best way for us to keep everyone safe and ensure that we can continue to fulfill our mission of being a theatre for everyone.”

Policies will continue to be updated as circumstances require. Visit **RoundHouseTheatre.org/safety** for complete health and safety policies and information.

ROUND HOUSE THEATRE VACCINE AND MASK REQUIREMENTS

Patrons must present a photo ID and show proof that they meet the CDC definition of being fully vaccinated* at the time of entry to into the theatre. Patrons may display proof of

vaccination with a physical or digital copy of their vaccination card. (Round House is currently investigating additional digital options for providing proof of vaccination and will communicate any updates with patrons).

Masks will also be required for all guests, regardless of vaccination status, except while eating or drinking in the lobby café area.

Guests who are exempt from vaccination (including children under 12, people with certain medical conditions preventing vaccination, or those with closely held religious beliefs that prevent vaccination) must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 48 hours of the performance start time.

NOTE: This policy is in effect through December 2021, although we will review current circumstances and CDC and local government recommendations in October to determine whether the mandate may be lifted or extended.

**"Fully vaccinated" means that either 14 days have passed since receiving the second dose of FDA or WHO authorized double-dose vaccines or that 14 days have passed since receiving the sole dose of FDA or WHO authorized single-dose vaccines.*

2021-2022 SEASON INFORMATION

Round House Theatre's 2021-2022 Season opens on September 8 with the regional premiere of Octavio Solis's *Quixote Nuevo*, directed by Lisa M. Portes. Tickets are currently available as part of subscription packages and may be purchased online at www.RoundHouseTheatre.org or by phone at 240.644.1100 (Monday – Friday, 11:00am – 5:00pm). Tickets to individual shows will be available beginning on Wednesday, August 11.

Full season information may be found at www.RoundHouseTheatre.org.

ABOUT ROUND HOUSE THEATRE

Round House Theatre is one of the leading professional theatres in the Washington, DC area, producing a season of new plays, modern classics, and musicals for more than 40,000 patrons each year at our theatre in Bethesda. Round House has been nominated for 197 Helen Hayes Awards and has won 37, including four Outstanding Resident Play Awards and the Charles MacArthur Award for Original New Play in 2016. Round House's lifelong learning and education programs serve more than 5,000 students each year at its Education Center in Silver Spring, in schools throughout Montgomery County, and at our Bethesda theatre. Cornerstone programs include Free Play, which provides free tickets for students age 13-college, the Teen Performance Company, which culminates in the student-produced Sarah Metzger Memorial Play, Summer Camp for students in grades K-12, and a full slate of classes for adults and youth.

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