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Milwaukee Repertory Theater Presents a **Free Day of Theater** on Saturday, October 2, 2021 With Concerts, Workshops, New Play Readings and More

Milwaukee, Wis – August 26, 2021 – [Milwaukee Rep](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com) presents the first of its kind **Free Day of Theater** on Saturday, October 2, 2021 with 10 events at the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex. Events include a **Welcome Back Concert** featuring Rep favorites **Jessie Hooker-Bailey** (*Broadway Waitress*, Milwaukee Rep *Ragtime*), **Emma Rose Brooks** (*Guys and Dolls*, *Man of La Mancha*), **Jeffrey Kringer** (*West Side Story*) and **Nygel Robinson** (*The All Night Strut!*); a showcase of **New Play Development** projects in process including a piece by *West Side Story* Choreographer **Jon Rua**; and performance by our **Professional Training Institute** teen ensemble. In addition to performances there will be a dance workshop with Jon Rua, behind the scenes demonstrations with Rep artisans, a panel discussion about the John (Jack) D. Lewis New Play Development program and a town hall with Rep leadership on the future of the theater.

“We are so excited to welcome audiences to Milwaukee Rep and get back to doing what we do best – working with the greatest talents in our field to produce world class theater for our community,” said Artistic Director **Mark Clements**. “The Free Day of Theater is a way to provide access to the arts for all as we come together to educate and celebrate our evolving, yet timeless craft.”

The **Free Day of Theater** on Saturday, October 2 will run from 12pm – 7:30pm with each event lasting approximately 60 minutes. While tickets are free, advance reservations are required. To reserve tickets for individual events, please visit www.MilwaukeeRep.com/Homecoming. The full schedule of events is as follows:

Quadracci Powerhouse:

12pm/3:30pm/6:30pm Welcome Back Concert with Jessie Hooker-Bailey, Emma Rose Brooks, Jeffrey Kringer and Nygel Robinson
1:30pm/5pm Showcase of six New Play Development projects under commission including a piece by Jon Rua

Stiemke Studio:

12:00pm Showcase by Professional Training Institute (PTI) Teen acting Ensemble
1:30pm Behind-the-Scenes demonstration with Milwaukee Rep’s Costume Shop
3:30pm Dance Workshop with Jon Rua
4:45pm Discussion with Executive Director Chad Bauman and Artistic Director Mark Clements
6:15pm Panel Discussion about Milwaukee Rep’s New Play Development

For more information, and to reserve a ticket please visit www.MilwaukeeRep.com/Homecoming.

Health & Safety Protocols

In consultation with public health officials and coalition with many SE Wisconsin cultural venues, **Milwaukee Repertory Theater will require all patrons and volunteers be either fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative Covid-19 test taken within 72 hours of performance time of October 2 upon entry for those 12 and older.** In addition, all patrons regardless of vaccination status will be required to wear masks throughout their time in the building.

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About Milwaukee Repertory Theater

Milwaukee Rep is the largest performing arts organization in Wisconsin with three unique performance venues in the Patty & Jay Baker Theater Complex– the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. For over six decades, Milwaukee Rep has been a centerpiece of Milwaukee’s vibrant arts and cultural scene with productions ranging from Broadway musicals to Shakespeare to American Classics and New Works that are entertaining, inclusive and impactful. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mark Clements and Executive Director Chad Bauman, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee’s rich diversity.