



Mecca Productions in partnership with the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium Announces an Upcoming Production of

**Music Theatre International's
All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre**

Performances to take place November 13 & 14, 2021

A fantastic selection of songs are featured in this brand new musical revue from shows including *Frozen, Into the Woods, Godspell, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Fiddler on the Roof, Guys and Dolls, Rent, Les Misérables, Come From Away, and many more!*

Brandon, MB, (October 13, 2021) – In one month, Mecca Productions will join thousands of theatrical organizations around the globe by producing their own production of Music Theatre International's **All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre**. New York-based Theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) created this revue for theatres across the globe to use as a local fundraising event performed over the same weekend of November 12, 2021. More than 5400 performances will take place in 2400 communities in 40 countries around the world. Mecca and the WMCA are proud to bring this once-in-a-lifetime concert to Westman audiences.

Mecca's director Lisa Vasconcelos: 'We have assembled a wonderful cast of performers from across Western Manitoba, including Ken Jackson, Katherine MacFarlane, Tiana Vasconcelos, Ken Stelmack, Hannah Price, Clint McLachlan, Wanda Nicol, Eric Fieldsted and John Szabo. Some of the selections made available in *All Together Now* are from shows not yet available for licencing while others are from productions Mecca has had the opportunity to perform over the past decade. The songs in this revue offer something for everyone.

All Together Now will be the first ticketed event at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium since March 2020 when the doors were closed during Mecca's production of *Spamalot*. Tom Crook the General Manager of the WMCA: "We're excited to get people back in the seats at the auditorium to enjoy some local theatre while taking all the precautions required by Manitoba Public Health. Attendance will be limited and distancing will be in effect because this is our first show and we want to keep everybody as safe as possible." Tom continues, "Please note, everyone in attendance will need to show proof of full vaccination. Face masks are also required everywhere in the building, including in the concert hall seats."

Western Manitoba benefits from the hard work of many organizations' commitment to bringing musical theatre to audiences. The past 18 months have been challenging to all arts groups, particularly those who require a live audience to continue.

MTI's President and CEO, Drew Cohen stated, "MTI's *All Together Now!* is about bringing people back to the theatre, whether as audience members or cast, crew and musicians. The revue features songs from the world's most iconic musicals, so there is definitely something for everyone to enjoy. Our goal with this worldwide event is for organizations to provide hope, inspiration and excitement to their communities through the transformative power of musical theatre.

"We are incredibly excited to celebrate the return of live theatre with performances of MTI's *All Together Now!*," stated Lisa Vasconcelos, Artistic Director of Mecca Productions. "The past year has been a challenging time for everyone, particularly arts organizations. We look forward to welcoming audiences back to the WMCA with this truly wonderful revue."

MTI has created a license that allows us to sell tickets for audience members to attend, to record and broadcast the show and to stream it on social media platforms, so no matter where you are in Western Manitoba, you will be able to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime show. "*All Together Now!* will be recorded by WCGtv, Westman's local programming team, for broadcast on their website, on their YouTube channel and on Westman Communications Group channel 1012 Nov 14 & 15."

To allow physical distancing, seating is limited for the in-person concert. Tickets are on sale now! Visit www.wmca.ca or call the box office at (204) 728-9510 to book your ticket to one of the shows: Nov 13 at 7:30 or the Nov 14 Sunday matinee at 3:30. Those not attending in person who wish to donate to support the concert can do so by e-transfer to meccabdn@gmail.com or online at wmca.ca.