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## BROADWAY'S *PIPPIN* BRINGS CIRQUE-INSPIRED MUSICAL REVIVALTO IU AUDITORIUM APRIL 12 & 13

WHAT: PIPPIN

WHEN: April 12 and 13, 8 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

**TICKETS**: Tickets start at \$22 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$40 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – The Tony-winning revival of the Broadway musical *PIPPIN* comes to Bloomington as the finale event of IU Auditorium's 2016–2017 season on April 12 and 13. The production features live circus stunts, Fosse-inspired choreography, and music from composer Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked. Godspell*).

Called "A *PIPPIN* for the 21st century" by *The New York Times*, this production comes straight from the Broadway stage to cities across the U.S. The story follows one young man's journey to become extraordinary, fused with the visionary feats of some of Broadway's notable creative professionals.

Schwartz's memorable score, including songs such as "Magic to Do" and "Corner of the Sky," blends with choreography inspired by legendary Broadway choreographer Bob Fosse and high-flying acrobatics by cirque artistic collective Les 7 Doigts de la Main (*TRACES*).

The American Repertory Theater debuted this revival of *PIPPIN* in 2013. The production quickly moved to Broadway that March, where it opened at the Music Box Theatre on April 25, 2013.

Met with widespread acclaim, this revival of *PIPPIN* won four Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical, Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical by Patina Miller, Best Featured Actress in a Musical by Andrea Martin, and Best Direction of a Musical by Diane Paulus (*The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess, Waitress*). The revival also clenched four Drama Desk Awards from its six nominations.

"PIPPIN is a spectacular way to round out our 76th season at IU Auditorium," director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher said. "This production is part musical, part spectacle, and is a theatrical experience unique to itself. We look forward to providing our audiences with the opportunity to see the magic unfold in this show."

For more information about *PIPPIN* and other events at Indiana University Auditorium, visit IUauditorium.com. The website includes ticket information, video clips, photos, and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

*PIPPIN* at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of show partners Southern Indiana Physicians and the Indiana University Foundation. IU Auditorium's 2016–2017 season is presented in partnership with Curry Auto Center, B97, *The Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and Cook Medical.

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