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**BROADWAY.COM'S AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD WINNER FOR BEST MUSICAL,
FINDING NEVERLAND, COMES TO IU AUDITORIUM**

WHAT: *Finding Neverland*

WHEN: Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$17 for students and children and \$29 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. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The magical musical *Finding Neverland*, based on the Academy Award-winning Miramax motion picture, comes to the IU Auditorium April 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by the film by David Magee, and the play *The Man Who Was Peter Pan* by Allan Knee, *Finding Neverland* follows the relationship between playwright J.M. Barrie and the family that inspired his creation of Peter Pan, one of the most beloved characters of all time.

Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. With a little bit of pixie dust and a lot of faith, Barrie takes this monumental leap, leaving his old world behind for Neverland, where nothing is impossible and the wonder of childhood lasts forever. The magic of Barrie's classic tale springs spectacularly to life in this heartwarming theatrical event.

"We are thrilled to bring this enchanting story of how Peter became Pan to our stage to conclude our 2018–2019 season," said IU Auditorium Executive Director Doug Booher. "With magnificent scenery, beautiful songs, and a magical story, *Finding Neverland* is sure to make for a special evening for all ages."

Directed by Tony-winner Diane Paulus (*Pippin*, *Hair*) with the book by Olivier Award-nominee James Graham, music and lyrics by Gary Barlow (*Take That*) and Grammy Award-winner Eliot Kennedy, and choreography by Emmy Award-winner Mia Michaels (*So You Think You Can Dance*, *Cirque du Soleil's Delirium*), this new musical, packed with mesmerizing visuals, irresistible songs, and plenty of laughs, is a timeless story about the power of imagination... and spectacular proof that you never really have to grow up.

The production features scenic design by Tony Award-winner Scott Pask (*Pippin*, *Book of Mormon*), lighting design by Tony Award-winner Kenneth Posner (*The Coast of Utopia*, *Pippin*), costume design

by Suttirat Larlarb (*Of Mice and Men*), sound design by Tony Award-nominee Jonathan Deans (*Pippin, La Cage aux Folles*), hair and make-up design by Richard Mawbey, projection design by Jon Driscoll, music supervision by Fred Lassen, musical direction by Ryan Cantwell and casting by Stewart/Whitley.

For more information on *Finding Neverland*, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips 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.

Finding Neverland is presented by IU Credit Union, Smithville Fiber, and Riley Physicians. IU Auditorium's 2018–2019 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, CFC Properties, and Indiana University Residential Program and Services.

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