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New London Barn Playhouse Presents *West Side Story* July 19 - August 6

*Based on a conception of Jerome Robbins
Book by Arthur Laurents, Music by Leonard Bernstein, Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim*

What: *West Side Story*

When: July 19 - August 6

Where: The New London Barn Playhouse, 84 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Directed by: Keith Coughlin

Choreographed by: Michael Jablonski

Music Directed by: Jonathan Parks

The timeless story of star-crossed lovers in a violence-riddled New York City, *West Side Story* has been hailed as one of the greatest musicals of all time. Winner of numerous awards both on stage and film, Jerome Robbins' heartbreaking adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* has been electrifying audiences since it's Broadway premier in 1957. After 50 years and four award winning Broadway revivals, most recently in 2009, *West Side Story* remains as beloved and important as ever.

Helming the Barn's production is Artistic Director Keith Coughlin. He is joined by Choreographer Michael Jablonski (Acting: Broadway's *West Side Story*, and *The Book of Mormon*), who will be recreating Jerome Robbins' iconic choreography for the Barn stage. Music Director Jonathan Parks was last seen at the Barn in 2016, Music Directing both the *Straw Hat Revue* and *How to Succeed....* The cast, featuring both new faces and returning Barn alumni, is led by 2017 Acting Intern Company member Nadina Hassan and newcomer Addie Morales (Baldwin Wallace University, 2020), who will be sharing the role of Maria. Making their Barn debuts are Jake Smith (Elon University, 2019) as Tony, Kim Sava* (*Matilda* Nat'l Tour) as Anita, and Danny Bevins* (*West Side Story* at Paper Mill Playhouse) as Bernardo. Returning Acting Intern alums joining the production are Veronica Burt as Conseula, Mackenzie Dade as Anybodys, Kevin Dort as Big Deal, Jason Goldston* as Riff, and Adam Zeph as Lt. Shrank and Gladhand.

Additional casting includes Joseph Allen as Baby John, Julia Bain as Velma, Dalton Bertolone as Action, Kailey Boyle as Pauline and Rosalia, Nick Case as A-Rab, Zachary Collins as Pepe, Liza Couser as Minnie, Robert Cueva as Luis, Elijah Dawson as Indio, Julia Hemp as Graciella, Jacob Roberts-Miller as Diesel, Ben Salus as Officer Krupke, Elana Valastro as Teresita, Dori Waymer as Francisca, and Marc Willis as Doc.

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The design team includes Jordan Janota (*Crazy for You*, *Kiss me Kate*, and *Ragtime* at the Barn) as scenic designer, Jeremy Bernardoni (Visiting Assistant Professor of Costume Design, Louisiana State University) designing costumes, and lighting designer Jennifer Reiser (*39 Steps*, *Oklahoma* at the Barn; Assistant Lighting Designer for *Waitress* and *Side Show* on Broadway).

West Side Story runs for three weeks, Tuesday through Sunday (July 19 - August 6). Evening performances are at 7:30 Tuesday through Saturday and 5:00 pm on Sunday. Wednesday matinees are at 2:00 pm. Tickets range from \$19.50-\$40.00, with Student Rush tickets available for \$18.00. Please call 603-526-6710 or visit us at www.nlbarn.org to purchase seats.

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