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**THE GUTHRIE THEATER PRESENTS AN IMMIGRANTS' CABARET**  
**A free community Happening on Monday, August 20**

(*Minneapolis/St. Paul*) – The Guthrie Theater (Joseph Haj, artistic director) today announced the upcoming presentation of **An Immigrants' Cabaret** as its next community Happening. This evening of music, movement and poetry is open to the public and takes place on the Wurtele Thrust Stage on Monday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free, but reservations are required through the Guthrie Box Office at 612.377.2224 or 1.877.44.STAGE (toll-free) or online at [guthrietheater.org](http://guthrietheater.org).

From the year-round members of the Guthrie Theater staff to the artists who participate in the run of a show during the course of a season, each person pours their unique background, sensibilities and perspectives into the artistry displayed onstage. To celebrate this collective of voices and the experiences of U.S. immigrants past and present, the Guthrie Theater is proud to present a special evening of reflection by its immigrant family, which will include cabaret-style music, dance, poetry and storytelling performed by members of the *West Side Story* cast and Guthrie staff.

**An Immigrants' Cabaret** is part of the Guthrie's series of Happenings, which are periodic and timely events that are responsive to current events and immediately relevant to the world around us. Happenings are part of the Guthrie's Level Nine Series, conceptualized by Artistic Director Joseph Haj and generously supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Level Nine Series emphasizes the creation of a theater that wrestles with urgent questions and inspires dynamic dialogue with its audience, expands the diversity of voices, visions and styles on its stages, and engages community members currently underserved by its work.

Previous Happenings include *A Purple Celebration* honoring the legacy of the late Minneapolis music legend Prince; *Enacting the Dream*, an opportunity to reflect on the lived realities of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients living in the United States; *Aftermath: A Newtown Screening and Community Conversation* about the impact of gun violence on public health; *Anthems for Community*, a celebration supporting the diversity of voices, histories and experiences in the Guthrie community; *Water Is Sacred*, a performance combining ceremony, music, text, dance and discussion to honor and celebrate water and recognize the ways it has been threatened on Indigenous lands; *The Trump Card*, acclaimed monologist Mike Daisey's exploration of Donald J. Trump and how he rose to his standing in the 2016 presidential race; and *Acting Black*, a solo project by Carlyle Brown that explored the appropriation of the African-American narrative.

**THE GUTHRIE THEATER** (Joseph Haj, artistic director) was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie in 1963 and is an American center for theater performance, production, education and professional training, dedicated to producing the great works of dramatic literature and cultivating the next generation of theater artists. Under Haj's leadership, the Guthrie is guided by four core values: Artistic Excellence; Community; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and Fiscal Responsibility. The Guthrie produces a mix of classic and contemporary plays on three stages and continues to set a national standard for excellence in theatrical production and performance, serving nearly 400,000 patrons annually. In 2006, the Guthrie opened a new home, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, located on the banks of the Mississippi

River in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Open to the public year-round, it houses three state-of-the-art stages, production facilities, classrooms, full-service restaurants and dramatic public lobbies. [guthrietheater.org](http://guthrietheater.org)

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