

News Release

RIT News: NTID Performing Arts presents *In the Heights*, April 15-17, 2022

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In the Heights will be presented at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf on Friday – Sunday, April 15-17. Shows will run in the Robert F. Panara Theatre, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall on the RIT campus at 7:30 p.m. on April 15th and April 16th. Afternoon shows at 2 p.m. will take place on April 16th and April 17th. *In the Heights* will be presented in American Sign Language and spoken-English. Shows will also be captioned.

The performance on Saturday, April 16 at 2pm will offer additional accessibility features for our low vision, blind, and DeafBlind patrons. A lobby display will include a tactile exhibit for patrons to explore, with costumes from several characters and a 3D model of the set. NTID Performing Arts will host a touch tour of the set prior to the performance and provide close vision and Protactile interpreting services. The performance will also be audio described. Contact ntidperformingarts@rit.edu to register for these services before April 5, 2022.

The NTID Performing Arts department has a commitment to partnering with the larger Rochester community in order to give our students the benefit of connections that can grow into embracing the community as a whole. To that end, we are using *IN THE HEIGHTS* to bring in members of the Rochester Latino Theatre Company as Cultural consultants, actors, and designers. Our choreographer, Jayme Bermudez, the Educations Coordinator at Ibero American Action League is also associated with Borinquen Dance Theatre, members of the company will also be making an appearance in the show.

To compliment these community connections, we will also be offering the RIT/NTID community workshops and panels to discuss Latino culture, history, and language as they relate to and appear in the production of *IN THE HEIGHTS*.

IN THE HEIGHTS tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood—a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams, and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. *IN THE HEIGHTS* is the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations.

Our top goal is to provide you with a safe theatre-going experience. Based on current federal health and safety recommendations, and following the practices of other local and state-wide theaters, ***RIT & NTID Performing Arts are now requiring all patrons to show proof of full vaccination upon entry to performances.*** No exceptions allowed. Regardless of vaccination status, all patrons must also wear a mask while inside any RIT/NTID facility.

Acceptable proof of vaccination includes:

- Hard-copy CDC vaccination cards, including photos or copies, along with ID
- NYS Excelsior Pass
- Other government-issued immunization records that prove COVID-19 vaccination status

Current RIT students, faculty, and staff who are in compliance with the vaccination policy and do not have access to a vaccination card can present their compliance pass for entry into this event (spiritpass.rit.edu).

Currently, Panara Theatre will be seating audiences at a reduced capacity of 50%. Upon entering the theatre space, audience members will be able to easily identify which seats are available and which are not. This physical distancing will create an additional layer of COVID-19 protection. Panara Theatre will be cleaned and disinfected after each performance.

Tickets - \$5 for students, youth and senior citizens (60+), \$10 for RIT faculty/staff/alumni and \$12 for the general public – are available at the RIT University Arenas box office, by calling 585-475-4121 (voice), online at <https://rittickets.com>, or by email at arenas@rit.edu.

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