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STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCES 2019-2020 FAMILY SERIES

Featuring *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Dinosaur World Live*, and more!

New Brunswick, NJ (August 19, 2019)—State Theatre New Jersey unveiled its **2019-2020 Family Series**, featuring four fantastic shows. State Theatre New Jersey's 2019-20 Family Series is sponsored by Lead Sponsor Investors Bank.

State Theatre New Jersey received a grant from Investors Foundation to ensure the legacy of exceptional performing arts experiences for future generations for its **2019-2020 Family Series**. The grant will help further State Theatre New Jersey's mission of enriching the lives of people from diverse backgrounds in New Jersey by presenting the finest national and international performing artists, and providing a major performing arts venue in central New Jersey that encourages and enables members of the community to have a life-long association with the performing arts.

"We are proud to support State Theatre New Jersey's annual Family Series and the theater's commitment to providing meaningful arts experiences for families of all ages," said **John T. Harrison, Senior Vice President, Investors Bank**. "Our support is a testimony to our unwavering commitment to improving life in the communities that Investors Bank serves."

"We are thankful for the tremendous support that Investors Bank has provided for our Family Series and our community," said **Sarah K. Chaplin, State Theatre New Jersey's President & CEO**. "With their support, we can continue to present the finest performing arts to children all across the state."

State Theatre New Jersey's Family Series kicks off on **September 22** with two performances by award-winning illusionist **Jason Bishop** in his show ***Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic***. The September 22 show is also part of State Theatre's annual Family Day festival. At State Theatre New Jersey's Family Day festival, kids and their families can spend the day at the State Theatre enjoying, free live music on our outdoor stage, costumed characters, face painting, balloon animals, games, a photo booth, performances by Illusionist Jason Bishop, and much more.

The series continues with four performances of the Broadway hit show, ***The SpongeBob Musical*** on **November 29-December 1**, and two performances of the **Russian National Ballet's *The Sleeping Beauty*** on **March 14**; and two performances of ***Dinosaur World Live*** on **March 15**. Additional events for the Family Series will be announced this fall.

Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic

Sun, September 22, 2019 at 11am & 2pm

From his spectacular Double Levitation to his phenomenal illusions, Jason Bishop, along with his lead assistant Kim Hess, presents an astonishing magic show for all ages. The show features grand illusions, sleight of hand, and close-up magic tricks in a modern and unique way.

Bishop is an international award-winning illusionist who was the youngest person to win the Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Stage Award, and one of the youngest people to compete in the Society of American Magicians World-Class competition. Tickets range from \$15-\$39.

The SpongeBob Musical

Fri, November 29, 2019 at 8pm

Sat, November 30, 2019 at 2pm & 8pm

Sun, December 1, 2019 at 2pm

A legendary roster of Grammy® Award-winners. A visionary director and a Tony® Award-winning design team. One of the world's most beloved characters. Turn them loose on stage and what do you get? The musical *The New York Times* declares, "BRILLIANT!" Broadway's best creative minds reimagine and bring to life the beloved Nickelodeon series with humor, heart, and pure theatricality in "a party for the eyes and ears" (*Daily Beast*). Explore the depths of theatrical innovation in *The SpongeBob Musical*, 2018 Best Musical winner of the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards, where the power of optimism really can save the world. Tickets range from \$40-\$98.

The Sleeping Beauty

Russian National Ballet

Sat, March 14, 2020 at 2pm & 8pm

Featuring the Russian National Ballet and performed to a score composed by Tchaikovsky, *The Sleeping Beauty* has become one of the most illustrious classical ballets of all time. Led by Artistic Director and former Bolshoi principal dancer Elena Radchenko, *The Sleeping Beauty* is the magical fairy tale of the beautiful, sleeping Princess Aurora who awaits the kiss of her prince. Tickets range from \$19-\$49.

Dinosaur World Live

Sun, March 15, 2020 at 11am & 3pm

Dinosaur World Live is a *roarsome* interactive show for all the family! Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a prehistoric world of astonishing (and remarkably lifelike) dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures, including every kid's favorite flesh-eating giant, Tyrannosaurus Rex; along with Triceratops, Giraffatitan, and Segnosaurus, to name a few. *Dinosaur World Live* is an entertaining, awe-inspiring natural history lesson—an unforgettable "dino-mite" adventure! Tickets range from \$15-\$35.

About Investors Bank

Investors Bank, headquartered in Short Hills, New Jersey, is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926. With over \$25 billion in assets and a network of more than 150 retail branches, Investors Bank delivers personalized services and products tailored to the needs of its customers. Investors Bank's services include complete deposit, loan and cash management products for consumers and businesses. Investors Bank. Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

About the Investors Foundation

Investors Bank created the Investors Foundation in 2005 to support the communities Investors Bank serves. Investors Foundation supports initiatives in the arts, youth development, health and human services, education and affordable housing. Investors Foundation works to improve the lives of its customers and neighbors.

About State Theatre New Jersey

The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.

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