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Harvey Fierstein stars
in *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*

“Broadway vet Harvey Fierstein and Fiddler’s Tevye make a near perfect match”
-Toronto Sun

“Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as...as a *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*,” announces Tevye, a humble milkman from the Russian village of Anatevka. And so begins a tale of love and laughter, devotion and defiance, and changing traditions.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, the Tony Award® winning musical that has captured the hearts of people all over the world with its universal appeal, embarks on its North American Tour. In what is a huge theatrical feat, audiences will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Jerome Robbins’ original Broadway direction and choreography, complete with the star of the record breaking Broadway production, Harvey Fierstein.

Audiences now have the rare opportunity to see the TONY award winner embrace one of his favorite roles in this Jerome Robbins inspired production. Taking a revolutionary look at the doting father, Mr. Fierstein appeals to a whole new generation with his reinvention of the character. Having won four TONY awards including Best Book of a Play and Best Actor in a Play for *Torch Song Trilogy*, Mr. Fierstein recreated the role in the film adaptation thus winning him an Independent Spirit Award nomination as Best Male Lead. His most recent win was the 2003 TONY for Best Actor in a Musical for the Broadway production of *Hairspray*. In addition to his stage appearances, Mr. Fierstein can be seen on the upcoming season of *Nurse Jackie* and *How I Met Your Mother*.

A perennial hit since it first opened in 1964, *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF* has enjoyed critical acclaim for bringing to the stage a poignant story about the enduring bonds of the family. Now, the national touring production of this timeless musical brings the wit and wisdom of Tevye and his family to audiences throughout the United States with the reproduction of Jerome Robbins’ famous masterpiece.

In 1965 Jerome Robbins won matching Tony Award®s for his direction and choreography of *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*. In this National Tour, both are recreated by Director Sammy Dallas Bayes, choreographer of the Broadway Revival.

Tevye’s wrestling with the new customs of a younger generation is punctuated by an unforgettable score that weaves the haunting strains of “Sunrise, Sunset” and the rousing “If I Were A Rich Man” with the exuberant “Matchmaker, Matchmaker” and triumphant “Tradition.” When his daughters choose suitors who defy his idea of a proper match, Tevye comes to realize, through a series of incidents that are at once comic and bittersweet, that his children will begin traditions of their own. At the story’s close, the villagers of Anatevka are forced to leave their homes and even the sturdy mores that have guided everyday life begin to crumble. Paradoxically, it is the enforced loss of the rigid traditions and home life that Tevye has tried so tenaciously to preserve that leads the family to reconcile and draw closer still.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF will be at (city's theatre) for (number of performances). Tickets are available by calling (Theatre Box Office) and all Ticketmaster locations or call (phone number) for more details.