

The Wallis and The Miracle Project Present

185 Wilshire: A Love Story

**An original musical about the intersection of love, trust, and disability
featuring a talented cast of performers with and without disabilities.**

May 31 – June 3, 2018

(Beverly Hills, CA, April 9) Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and The Miracle Project present ***185 Wilshire: A Love Story*** —an original musical following the lives of young adults with disabilities as they navigate finding and falling in love, learning to trust, and establishing independence. Created with a cast of teens and adults with and without autism, this musical tells the universal story about how a journey to find companionship often leads us to find our true selves. *185 Wilshire: A Love Story* will be performed May 31 – June 3 in The Wallis' Lovelace Studio Theater, including a sensory-friendly performance for the Sunday matinee on June 3. The May 31st performance opens the engagement with a special gala event with proceeds benefitting The Miracle Project.

"We are very proud to join with The Miracle Project to develop and present this important original production," said Mark Slavkin, The Wallis' Director of Education. "In showcasing the talents and stories of these wonderful artists, we hope to inspire our audiences to appreciate the gifts and talents everyone brings to the table."

"The Miracle Project celebrates the gifts, strengths and talents of all abilities, and believes that individuals of all abilities can find love, appreciation, and community by embracing our authentic selves," said The Miracle Project's Founder Elaine Hall. "We are proud to present *185 Wilshire: A Love Story* with The Wallis and continue to further this critical dialogue."

185 Wilshire: A Love Story emerged from conversations and an exploration of the hopes, dreams and desires of current students of The Miracle Project. For many individuals on the autism spectrum, dating can be a difficult and complex concept as it is inherently linked to reading social cues, understanding another person's perspective and making small talk. *185 Wilshire* boldly confronts traditional stereotypes of people on the spectrum aiming to illuminate the very universal and yet unique challenges that those with disabilities face as they search for love, learn to trust, and establish independence.

Single tickets for ***185 Wilshire: A Love Story*** are now available for \$25 – \$35; May 31 gala performance tickets are available for \$185. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit TheWallis.org, call

310.746.4000, or stop by in person at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Services located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ticket prices subject to change.

The ongoing partnership with The Miracle Project illuminates a core value of GRoW @ The Wallis, the center's arts education program. Everyone in the community has a right to participate in and benefit from the arts. For more information about education initiatives offered through GRoW @ The Wallis, please visit TheWallis.org/grow.

About The Miracle Project:

The Miracle Project, founded in 2004, is a fully inclusive theatre, film, and expressive arts program for children, teens, and adults with autism and all abilities. Using groundbreaking and evidence-based methods developed by award-winning founder Elaine Hall, The Miracle Project focuses on the strengths and abilities inherent in its participants, providing tools to build communication, social skills, job skills, and friendships while developing a unique neurodiverse community. Through shared experiences with peers, individuals with autism and other disabilities find their voice, develop their talents, and rehearse for life. Participants once too frightened to even walk into a room of their peers, have now performed live in front of standing room only audiences at places such as Carnegie Hall, The White House, Lincoln Center, and The United Nations. Miracle Project participants have also been featured on the hit TV shows Parenthood, Speechless, The Good Doctor, Atypical and in the film Please Stand By. The Miracle Project staff offers trainings, summer camps, and professional development workshops nationally and internationally and at universities across the globe. Profiled in the two time Emmy Award-winning HBO film, "Autism: The Musical" The Miracle Project is lauded for changing the way audiences perceive autism.

For more information, please visit: www.themiracleproject.org
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About the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts:

Since opening its doors in October 2013, The Wallis has produced or presented more than 250 dance, theatre, opera, classical music and family programs to an ever-expanding audience. Located in the heart of Beverly Hills, California, The Wallis brings audiences world-class theater, dance and music, performed by many of the world's most talented and sought-after artists. Featuring eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles and its notability as the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis offers original and revered works from across the U.S. and around the globe. The mission of The Wallis is to create, present and celebrate unique performing arts events and educational programs that reflect the rich cultural diversity of our community. Nominated for 28 Ovation Awards, four L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards and the recipient of six architectural awards since opening in 2013, The Wallis is a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot venue that celebrates the classic and the modern and was designed by Zoltan E. Pali, FAIA of Studio Pali Fekete architects. The building features the restored, original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places) that serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and houses the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater, GRoW at The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education (a gift of Gregory Annenberg Weingarten and Family and the Annenberg Foundation) and the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater. Together, these structures embrace the city's history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for L.A.-area visitors and residents alike.

For more information about The Wallis, please visit: TheWallis.org.
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TICKET INFORMATION:

What: *185 Wilshire: A Love Story*
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
Lovelace Studio Theater
9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210

When: Thursday, May 31, 7:30pm – gala performance
Friday, June 1 – Saturday, June 2, 7:30pm
Sunday, June 4, 1pm & 6pm

Tickets: Single tickets to opening night gala: \$185 (prices subject to change)
Single tickets to regular shows: \$25 – \$35 (prices subject to change)
Online – TheWallis.org
By Phone – 310.746.4000
Box Office – Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Service
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