

# JUNGLE THEATER

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## Regional Premiere

### **FLY BY NIGHT: A NEW ROCK MUSICAL**

by Will Connolly, Michael Mitnick and Kim Rosenstock

Directed by Sarah Rasmussen

**June 10-July 23, 2017**

The Jungle Theater

2951 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis

Tickets: \$35-\$45

Box office: 612-822-7063 or [www.jungletheater.com](http://www.jungletheater.com)

## **MUSICAL COMEDY SHINES LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS**

*Fly By Night* features Minneapolis music stars *Chris Koza* and *John Munson*

“About as magical of an evening as you would ever want to experience in live theater...”

~ *Dallas Observer*

“...earnest, enthusiastic and possibly requiring a tissue or two by the end.” ~ *New York Post*

(MINNEAPOLIS; May 9, 2017) – The Jungle Theater is excited to present a comic and touching rock-fable for its summer offering featuring acclaimed singer-songwriter **Chris Koza** in a starring role and rock/pop legend **John Munson** (Semisonic, The New Standards) in the house band. **FLY BY NIGHT**, a 2015 Drama Desk nominee for Outstanding Musical, opens June 10. The new musical, directed by Jungle Artistic Director **Sarah Rasmussen**, runs through July 23 at the Lyn-Lake neighborhood theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

Set against the backdrop of the 1965 East Coast blackout, *Fly By Night* is a tale of finding light in a world filled with darkness. In this unconventional journey, the life of a melancholy sandwich maker (**Koza**) is changed forever by two captivating sisters who've relocated to New York from South Dakota (**Royer Bockus** and **Leah Anderson**) – one who dreams of stardom; the other content as a diner server.

“Immersed in tradition, but utterly original” (*Dallas News*), this intergenerational story recalls home, love and loss. Written by **Will Connolly**, **Michael Mitnick** (*The Giver*) and **Kim Rosenstock** (TV's *New Girl*), *Fly By Night* is at once hilarious and bittersweet exploring the power and potential of human connection.

In addition to the top-flight cast, this “metaphysical musical” (*NY Times*) boasts timeless and beautiful music. The *New York Post* said, “The score is charming and catchy. Its unabashed emotionalism could turn it into more than a hit. It could turn it into a cult phenomenon.” *The New York Times* noted, “The score flirts with early rock ‘n’ roll, as well as recurrent motifs that are guaranteed to take up longtime residence in your ear.” Koza as “Harold” plays his guitar throughout the play. In addition to Munson taking up his bass, noted guitarists **Dan Schwartz** (nominated for guitarist of the year by Minnesota Music Academy and local Folk/roots album of the year by *Mpls. St Paul Magazine*) is in the “pit” band. Music Director **Mark Christine** is on keyboards.

Chris Koza, Royer Bockus, Leah Anderson, **Joy Dolo** (Crabble) and **James Detmar** (Mr. McClam) are making their Jungle debuts. **Jim Lichtscheidl** (Narrator), who’s recently returned from a critically-acclaimed performance in Mark Rylance’s *Nice Fish* in London’s West End, and **Joshua James Campbell** (Joey Storms) return to the Jungle stage. Lichtscheidl previously appeared as DiDi in *Waiting for Godot* and Campbell played Tom Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*.

Rasmussen’s creative team for *Fly By Night* includes Ivey Emerging Artist winner **Trevor Bowen** (costumes), **Barry Browning** (lighting), **Sean Healey** (sound), **John Novak** (properties) and **Joseph Stanley** (scenic).

The Jungle offers post-show Stay Late discussions with an actor after every performance of *Fly By Night* to give audience members the opportunity to ask questions, talk about the play’s themes and hear ideas from people in the know.

Performances of *Fly By Night* are Tuesdays (\$35), Wednesdays (\$35), Thursdays (\$35), Fridays (\$45) and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$45), and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (\$40). Preview performances on April 7-8 at 7:30 p.m. are \$15. Media Night is June 9 at 7:30 p.m. Rush tickets are offered every night of the week, based on availability two hours prior to the performance, and there is special Friday night pricing for students, 55408 neighborhood residents and employees, and those under 30 years of age. Tickets and more information are available at (612) 822-7063 or online at [www.jungletheater.com](http://www.jungletheater.com).

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### **About the Jungle Theater**

The Jungle Theater (Artistic Director Sarah Rasmussen) is a neighborhood theater with a national impact. As one of the region’s most dynamic theaters, the Jungle is known for its definitive productions, exquisite design, masterful acting and compelling storytelling. Since its founding in 1991, the Jungle has been a flagship example of the transformative power of the performing arts, playing a vital, continuing role in the economic, social and cultural life of its Minneapolis Lyn-Lake neighborhood.

### **Dates**

<b>Previews</b>	Wed-Thurs	June 7-9 @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Media Nights</b>	Friday-Saturday	June 9-10 @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Opening Night</b>	Saturday	June 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Audio-Described</b>	Thursday	June 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Closes</b>	Sunday	July 23 @ 7:30 p.m.