



SAN FRANCISCO PLAYHOUSE BAKES UP A NEW PRODUCTION OF HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL

WAITRESS

Music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles Book by Jessie Nelson

Based upon the motion picture written by Adrienne Shelly
Directed by Susi Damilano, Music Direction by Dave Dobrusky, Choreography by Nicole Helfer
November 21, 2024 – January 18, 2025 (opening night: November 27)

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WHAT: During the holidays San Francisco Playhouse will serve up the beloved

Broadway favorite Waitress, directed by San Francisco Playhouse Producing

Director and co-founder Susi Damilano with music direction by Dave

Dobrusky and choreography by **Nicole Helfer**. Featuring a tasty, tuneful score by Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter **Sara Bareilles** and a fresh-baked book by **Jessie Nelson**, this sweet musical confection follows Jenna, a waitress for a small-town diner. Trapped in a loveless marriage and unexpectedly

pregnant, Jenna copes by crafting perfect pies and dabbling in a whirlwind romance with her doctor. A baking contest offers Jenna the hope to escape her unhappy life as she chases her dreams and rediscovers herself along the way. Based on the Fox Searchlight Pictures film of the same name written by Adrienne Shelly, *Waitress* premiered at American Repertory Theater before opening on Broadway. It was nominated for four Tony Awards including Best

Musical and Best Original Score and ran for nearly four years followed by a limited return engagement. *Time Out New York* said, "the whole dish is love at first bite," while *The New York Times* said the musical "rises to transporting

heights and sweeps up your heart along with it."

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WHEN: Previews: Saturday, November 21 – Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Opening: Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Closes: Saturday, January 18, 2025

SHOWS: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7pm

Wednesdays: 2pm & 7pm Fridays: 3pm & 8pm Saturdays: 3pm & 8pm

Sundays: 2pm

Visit sfplayhouse.org for holiday performance schedule.

WHERE: San Francisco Playhouse (450 Post Street, San Francisco)

TICKETS: Single tickets (\$35-\$135) for *Waitress* and 2024-25 Season subscriptions are

currently available. For tickets and more information, the public may visit $\underline{\text{https://www.sfplayhouse.org/sfph/2024-2025-season/waitress/}} \text{ or call the box}$

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