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CHICAGO

THE MUSICAL

STARRING TWO-TIME EMMY AWARD NOMINEE
SAMANTHA HARRIS

WINNER OF SIX 1997 TONY AWARDS INCLUDING BEST MUSICAL
REVIVAL

Best known to national primetime TV audiences as a correspondent and fill-in anchor on CBS's "The Insider" and as co-host of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," **Samantha Harris** will star as Roxie Hart in **CHICAGO** at the Peace Center, August 18th – 23rd.

Now celebrating eleven glorious years of girls, glitz and glamour across the country, the record-breaking smash hit musical **CHICAGO** is **BACK IN TOWN** and its **PURE ENTERTAINMENT!**

Murder. Greed. Corruption. Violence. Exploitation. Adultery. Treachery. Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, **CHICAGO** is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today's tabloids.

With a book by **Fred Ebb** and **Bob Fosse**, music by **John Kander** and lyrics by **Fred Ebb**, **CHICAGO** is the winner of six 1997 Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Cast Recording.

Directed by **Walter Bobbie** and choreographed by **Ann Reinking**, **CHICAGO** features set design by **John Lee Beatty**, costume design by **William Ivey Long**, lighting design by **Ken Billington** and sound design by **Scott Lehrer**. The production also features orchestrations by **Ralph Burns**, supervising music direction by **Rob Fisher**.

Produced by **Barry and Fran Weissler**, **CHICAGO** has become a worldwide phenomenon. The London production of **CHICAGO** continues to hold the record as the longest running American Musical in West End history.

Other previous international engagements include productions in Abu Dhabi, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Dubai, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Taiwan. Return engagements of **CHICAGO** are slated for Australia and Holland in 2009.

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CHICAGO is a production not to be missed. And all the reviewers agree. Time Magazine calls it “A Triumph,” Newsweek raves “Smashing” and Entertainment Weekly sums it up by calling **CHICAGO** “Broadway’s Most Electrifying Show.”

Chicago—The Musical

The Peace Center—Greenville, SC

8 performances only

August 18th – August 23rd

Tues-Thurs: 7:30pm; Fri: 8:00pm;

Sat: 2:00pm/8:00pm; Sun: 2:00pm/7:30pm

Tickets: 864-467-3000 or 1-800-888-7768

\$40, \$50, \$60, \$70

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Samantha Harris Bio

As seasoned entertainment news journalist and two-time Emmy-nominated TV personality, Samantha Harris may be best known for co-hosting the live ABC hit series, ***Dancing With the Stars*** – which averages more than 30 million viewers weekly. One of her greatest honors was to host, alongside Regis Philbin, the official live pre-show for the **80th Annual Academy Awards**, which garnered a viewership of nearly one billion people worldwide.

Harris recently joined CBS Television Distribution's ***The Insider*** as a fill-in host and correspondent. The producers immediately put her on the red carpet during award show season to interview the nominees at the **Oscars, Golden Globes, Grammys, SAGs, and People's Choice Awards** (where she herself went on stage to accept the trophy for ***Dancing's*** win). Harris is seen daily on the set of ***The Insider*** alongside Lara Spencer discussing Hollywood's top headlines as well as giving the latest scoop from their interviews with film and TV's biggest celebrities (such as Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Tom Hanks, George Clooney, Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Aniston, Patrick Dempsey, Hugh Jackman and more).

Harris came to ***The Insider*** with a strong international fan base; she was seen in over 150 countries in 600 million homes during her four years as a host and correspondent for various shows on **E! Entertainment Television**. In addition to writing, field producing and reporting daily for ***E! News***, she co-hosted the network's live award-show coverage for the Oscars, Golden Globes and Emmys. Samantha was also the host of the premiere season of ***THS Investigates***, a spin-off series from the producers of ***The E! True Hollywood Story***, as well as a multitude of E! Specials.

In May 2009, Samantha can be seen filling in for host Meredith Vieira on ***Who Wants to Be a Millionaire***. Morning show viewers have also enjoyed Samantha's contributions as a special correspondent on ABC's ***Good Morning America***. Additionally, Samantha also served many times as a guest co-host on ABC's ***The View***.

Prior to joining E!, Samantha served as the co-host of the weekend edition for the network-syndicated entertainment news magazine ***Extra***, where she interviewed hundreds of celebrities. Additionally, as a full-time correspondent for the show, she always looked for inventive ways to approach stories. So, for news stories with a twist, Samantha took to the stage performing with Cirque du Soleil, sang a duet with Wayne Newton during his live show in Las Vegas as well as danced her way into the arms of Patrick Swayze backstage while he performed in the musical ***Chicago***.

Samantha's other hosting credits include Fox's ***The Next Joe Millionaire*** and ***AMC Access***, a show produced by NBC's ***Access Hollywood*** for the AMC network.

During her first days in Hollywood, Harris' talent also extended to the stage and screen. Hot off the North American tour ***Eric Idle Exploits Monty Python*** (where Samantha's comedic, vocal and dance performance was a stand-out with audiences at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl and other prestigious venues), CBS cast her as America's sweetheart, "Mary Ann," in its made-for-TV movie ***Surviving Gilligan's Island***. Samantha's other acting credits include: the multi-award winning ***Reefer Madness!: The New "Hit" Musical*** (original stage cast) as well as other television shows and films. Samantha is a four-time cover girl for ***Muscle & Fitness HERS*** and has also graced the

covers of **FitParent, Pregnancy & Newborn, Pilates Style**. She has been featured in ***SELF, SHAPE, People, US Weekly, In Touch, Life & Style***, and ***FHM*** magazines. As a fitness enthusiast, she loves dancing, cardio-sculpting classes, yoga and hiking but will also confess... she's a dessert fanatic!

Samantha actively participates in various charity events supporting the Operation Smile, Revlon Run/Walk for cancer research, Clothes Off Our Back, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, and Feeding America.

Born and raised in Hopkins, MN, by a rock concert promoter father and dancer mother – who together created and produced one of the country's first renaissance festivals, [King Richard's Faire](#) – Samantha went on to graduate with honors from **Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism** in Evanston, IL. She currently resides in Los Angeles, CA, with her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Josselyn.