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**Prepare for an adventure of enormous proportions...
James and the Giant Peach returns due to overwhelming demand!**

"...theatre for young audiences as it should be: tasty and entertaining but with something to chew on as well." – Toronto Star

Toronto, ON -- Young People's Theatre (YPT) is thrilled to present Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach* by the Tony/Emmy-nominated songwriting team of [Benj Pasek and Justin Paul](#). This rollicking musical version of the beloved children's classic returns to YPT due to overwhelming demand after a sold-out run in 2014. Presented on the Mainstage from February 6 to March 18, *James and the Giant Peach* is directed by **Nina Lee Aquino** and features a cast of eight stellar performers.

Lonely young orphan, James Trotter has been taken in by the only relatives he has – his outrageously overbearing aunts – but they treat him more like low-paid help than family. When he's ordered to chop down their scraggly old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that accidentally grows the world's largest peach containing the biggest insects ever seen – and so begins an adventure of enormous proportions! In keeping with YPT's season theme "no one is alone", James finds himself cast in the role of peacemaker among the group of human-sized insects with their over-sized grievances. With this collection of entomological misfits, James discovers that loving families are built in many forms. Join him and his delightfully disparate *chosen* family for their perilous, peachy escape towards happiness. And be sure to look for the giant peach on YPT's roof!

Directed by **Nina Lee Aquino**, *James and the Giant Peach* features: **Bruce Dow, Amir Haidar, Shruti Kothari, Amy Lee, Robert Markus, Matthew Nethersole, Amaka Umeh, Jennifer Villaverde.**

The Creative Team includes: Musical Director **Jason Jestadt**; Choreographer **Nicola Pantin**; Set Designer **Teresa Pryzbylski**; Costume Designer **Joanna Yu**; Lighting Designer **Rebecca Picherack**; Sound Designer **Derek Bruce**; Stage Manager **Andrea Schurman**; Assistant Stage Manager **Emily Mewett.**

James and the Giant Peach

Words and Music by **Benj Pasek and Justin Paul** | Book by **Timothy Allen McDonald**

Based on the book *James and the Giant Peach* by **Roald Dahl**

Directed by **Nina Lee Aquino**

Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com.

On the Mainstage February 6 to March 18, 2017, with extra performances during March Break

Recommended for ages 6 & up

Media Opening: Thursday, February 9 at 1pm or 7pm

Weekday Performances: Feb. 6, 7, 17, 22, 24, Mar. 1, 3, 8 at 10:15am, Feb. 8, 14, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 7, 9 at 10:15am & 1pm

Weekend Performances: Feb. 11, 12, 18, 26, Mar. 4, 12, 18 at 2:30pm; Feb. 19, Mar. 5 at 11am & 2:30pm; Feb. 25 at 2:30pm & 7pm; Mar. 11 at 2pm (Relaxed Performance) & 5:30pm

Family Day Performance: Feb. 20 at 2:30pm | March Break Performances: Mar. 14, 16 at 11am & 2:30pm; Mar. 15, 17, 18 at 2:30pm | **Performance Calendar available [here](#).**

Young People's Theatre | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$10-\$41 (prices subject to change without notice) HST & service charges extra | **Online:** youngpeoplestheatre.ca

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