

"SINCERE, STIRRING AND ROMANTIC"

- Chris Jones, Chicago Tribune

"A MUSICAL OF RAW POWER WITH SUPERB, INTENSE PERFORMANCES"

- Steve Oxman, Variety

Based on the true account behind the world's most beloved spiritual song, this fascinating story follows one man's journey, igniting a remarkable wave of change which saw the beginnings of the abolitionist movement. The musically talented young Englishman finds himself torn between following in his father's footsteps, a slave trader, and taking on the more compassionate views of his childhood girlfriend. Packed with adventure, this memorable musical captures the spirit of history's sweetest and most compelling sound: freedom.

Directed by Gabriel Barre (Andrew Lippa's *The Wild Party*) and choreographed by Tony Award® winner Christopher Gattelli (*Newsies*), the cast includes Tony Award® nominee Josh Young (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), Erin Mackey (NY Philharmonic's concert production of *Sweeney Todd*, *Chaplin*), Tony nominee Tom Hewitt (*Rocky Horror Show*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*) and Tony winner Chuck Cooper (*Caroline*, *or Change*; *The Life*).

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Groups 12+ Previews begin June 25, 2015 Opening Night July 16, 2015 Running Time 2 hours, 30 minutes

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