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# WINNER OF 8 TONY AWARDS, INCLUDING BEST MUSICAL, *ONCE* COMES TO THE GRAND THEATER IN WAUSAU ON FEBRUARY 24

WAUSAU, WI – February 18, 2016 – ***ONCE***, winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and winner of the 2013 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, will play the Grand Theater for a limited engagement on Wednesday, February 24. Tickets for ***ONCE*** are available now and can be purchased at The Grand Ticket Office (401 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Downtown Wausau), via phone at 715-842-0988 and online at [www.grandtheater.org](http://www.grandtheater.org).

***ONCE***, which was also named Best Musical by the New York Drama Critics' Circle, Drama Desk, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Lucille Lortel Awards, ran for more than 1,100 performances on Broadway with acclaimed international productions from London and Melbourne to Japan and South Korea.

***ONCE*** features the Academy Award-winning music and lyrics of Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová, a book by award-winning Irish playwright & screenwriter, Enda Walsh (*Penelope, Hunger, The New Electric Ballroom*), direction by the acclaimed Scottish director of *Black Watch*, John Tiffany, movement by Steven Hoggett (*Black Watch, American Idiot*) and music supervision and orchestrations by Martin Lowe (*Mamma Mia!*). The set and costume design are by five time Tony Award winner Bob Crowley (*The Coast of Utopia, Mary Poppins*), lighting design is by Tony winner Natasha Katz (*Aida, The Coast of Utopia*), and sound design is by Clive Goodwin.

***ONCE*** is the celebrated new musical based on the Academy Award-winning film. It tells the story of an Irish musician and a Czech immigrant drawn together by their shared love of music. Over the course of one fateful week, their unexpected friendship and collaboration evolves into a powerful but complicated romance, heightened by the raw emotion of the songs they create together. Brought to the stage by an award-winning team of visionary artists and featuring an ensemble cast of gifted actor/musicians, ***ONCE*** is a musical celebration of life and love: thrilling in its originality, daring in its honesty... and unforgettable in every way.

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