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Stark Sands and Adrian Blake Enscoe Perform "Murder in the City" from **Swept Away**
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE EXTENDS *SWEPT AWAY* FOR SECOND AND FINAL EXTENSION**

By popular demand, eight additional performances added – now playing through Sunday, March 6

December 7, 2021 –On the first day of rehearsals and following an overwhelmingly demand from audiences, Berkeley Rep has announced that the world premiere musical ***Swept Away*** will extend for an additional second and final week. The new musical will now run through **Sunday, March 6**.

Starting today, tickets for the added **eight** performances can be purchased online at berkeleyrep.org and by phone at 510 647-2949.

Tony Award-winning director **Michael Mayer** (*Spring Awakening*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*) blew the roof off Berkeley Rep in 2009 with Green Day's *American Idiot*. Now he returns with a captivating world premiere musical, this time featuring a book by Tony Award-winning stage and screen writer **John Logan**

(*Red*, Broadway's *Moulin Rouge!*, *Skyfall*, *Gladiator*), and music and lyrics by "America's biggest roots band" (*Rolling Stone*) and multiple Grammy Award nominee **The Avett Brothers**.

Swept Away is set in 1888, off the coast of New Bedford, MA. When a violent storm sinks their whaling ship, the four surviving souls—a young man in search of adventure, his older brother who has sworn to protect him, a captain at the end of a long career at sea, and a worldly first mate who has fallen from grace—each face a reckoning: How far will I go to stay alive? And can I live with the consequences?

Swept Away is produced by special arrangement with Matthew Masten, Sean Hudock, and Madison Wells Live.

Cast members include **John Gallagher, Jr.** (Mate), **Stark Sands** (Older Brother), **Adrian Blake Enscoe** (Little Brother), and **Wayne Duvall** (Captain). Members of the ensemble include **Taurean Everett**, **Cameron Johnson**, **Ben Toomer**, **Vishal Vaidya**, and **Jacob Keith Watson**.

The creative team includes **Rachel Hauck** (scenic designer), **Susan Hilferty** (costume designer), **Kevin Adams** (lighting designer) **Kai Harada** (sound designer), and **David Neumann** (choreographer).

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