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Lin-Manuel Miranda's *Hamilton* to Be Staged at the Public Theater

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Hamilton, the new musical by Tony Award-winning *In the Heights* star and creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, which explores the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, will premiere as part of the Public Theater's 2014-15 season.



Lin-Manuel Miranda (Photo by Corey Hayes)

Formerly titled *Hamilton Mixtape*, the new musical features Miranda in the title role, under the direction of Tony Award-nominated *In the Heights* director **Thomas Kail**. Performances are scheduled to begin Jan. 20, 2015, for a run through Feb. 22.

The Public Theater engagement is supported by **Jeffrey Seller**, **Sander Jacobs** and Jill Furman, all of whom helped usher Miranda's *In the Heights* to Broadway in 2008.

Inspired by the book "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow, the musical incorporates historical figures such as George Washington, Aaron Burr, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Miranda previously performed a song from *Hamilton* for President Obama and the First Family at the White House in 2009.

"**Lin-Manuel Miranda** is a marvel, but nothing could have prepared us for the astonishing achievement of *Hamilton*," Public Theater artistic director **Oskar Eustis** said in a statement. "Alexander Hamilton was born in the West Indies, the only Founding Father who was an immigrant, and Lin's genius is to tell the story of the birth of the United States as an immigrant's story. The energy, the passion, joy, tragedy, and raw intelligence of this show are stunning."

Miranda is the Tony and Grammy Award-winning composer-lyricist of *In the Heights*. The musical earned four 2008 Tony Awards, including Best Score and Best Musical. Miranda also earned a Best Actor Tony nomination for his performance as Usnavi. *In the Heights* was also recognized as a Finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in Drama. Miranda is the co-composer (with **Tom Kitt**), and co-lyricist (with **Amanda Green**) of the Tony-nominated ***Bring it On: The Musical***. In addition, Miranda translated some of **Stephen Sondheim**'s original lyrics into Spanish for the 2009 Broadway revival of ***West Side Story*** and wrote additional songs for the Off-Broadway revival of **Stephen Schwartz**'s *Working*. Visit **PublicTheater.org**.