

# ADORE US! LINE



**THE 2020 POLITICAL PARODY OF "A CHORUS LINE"**

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### **CAUCUS-THEMED PARODY MUSICAL TO PREMIERE IN DES MOINES**

DES MOINES, IA (December 15, 2019) – The world premiere production of ‘Adore Us! Line’ will be presented January 24 through February 2, 2020 by Iowa Stage Theatre Company in Des Moines. Nine performances will be presented at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines’ Stoner Theatre. The final performance will be held on the day before the 2020 Iowa Caucuses.

Conceived and written by **Robert John Ford**, whose musical ‘Caucus! The Musical’ has been a caucus-year tradition in Iowa since 2004, ‘Adore Us! Line’ is a song-by-song parody of the groundbreaking musical ‘A Chorus Line’ in which each of the more than two dozen 2020 Democratic presidential candidates audition for an Iowa voter prior to the caucuses. ‘Adore Us! Line’ offers a hilarious and at times poignant look at the candidates as they are compelled to move beyond their standard stump speeches and typical song-and-dance routines to examine their own lives, warts and all.

The cast includes **Eric Olson** as Iowa voter Eldon Wise, **Charlie Reese** as Joe Biden, **Madison Ray** as Cory Booker, **Ryan Henzi** as Pete Buttigieg, **David D. Williams** as Kamala Harris, **Heidi Mason** as Amy Klobuchar, **Jonathan deLima** as Beto O’Rourke, **Joe Smith** as Bernie Sanders, **Mary Bricker** as Elizabeth Warren, and **Sydney Allen** and **Michael Clinkscales** as all other candidates.

The production team includes director **Maxwell Schaeffer**, choreographer **Megan Helmers**, music director **Eric Layden**, scenic designer **Kiah Kayser**, lighting designer **Jim Trenberth**, sound designer **Josh Jepson**, costume designer **Susanna Douthit**, orchestrator **Josh Whitver**, and stage manager **Brittany Beridon**. **Matthew McIver** is the Artistic Director for Iowa Stage Theatre Company.

Feeling ‘Caucus! The Musical’ had run its course after the 2016 election, Ford began creating an entirely new caucus-themed musical in early 2019. “As the number of 2020 presidential aspirants surpassed the two dozen mark, it dawned on me that a nearly-perfect musical in which many characters are vying to be the “one singular sensation” had already been written and was ripe for parody – ‘A Chorus Line,’” said Ford. “At that moment, ‘Adore Us! Line’ was born.”

“We have an incredible cast and production team,” said McIver. “We’re very excited to showcase this locally-grown production in Des Moines at a time when the nation’s eyes will be on Iowa and the caucuses.”

Performance schedule, ticket information, and more information about the show is available at [adoreusline.com](http://adoreusline.com).

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