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LAURA OSNES
TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF NELLIE FORBUSH
IN
LINCOLN CENTER THEATER'S AWARD WINNING PRODUCTION OF
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
"SOUTH PACIFIC"
DIRECTED BY BARTLETT SHER

BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 10
AT THE VIVIAN BEAUMONT THEATER

*Lincoln Center Theater (under the direction of Andre Bishop, Artistic Director and Bernard Gersten, Executive Director) has announced that Laura Osnes will assume the role of Ensign Nellie Forbush in its Tony Award winning production of **Rodgers & Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC**, directed by Bartlett Sher, beginning Tuesday, March 10 at the Vivian Beaumont Theater. Kelli O'Hara, who originated the role in the production, will play her last performance on Saturday evening, March 7 before leaving to await the birth of her first child. After her maternity leave she will return to **South Pacific** on Tuesday, October 6.*

Laura Osnes most recently starred on Broadway as Sandy in the revival of Grease, after winning a nationwide talent search to cast that role on the NBC TV series Grease: You're The One That I Want.

***Rodgers & Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC** also stars Paulo Szot as Emile de Becque (with David Pittsinger filling in for Mr. Szot in the role from Tuesday, March 10 through Sunday, April 12), with Danny Burstein as Luther Billis, Loretta Ables Sayre as Bloody Mary, Andrew Samonsky as Lt. Joe Cable, Eric Anderson, Matt Caplan, Sean Cullen, Murphy Guyer, Luka Kain, Li Jun Li, Laurissa Romain and Michael Arnold, Becca Ayers, Wendy Bergamini, Genson Blimline, Charlie Brady, Christian Carter, Eric L. Christian, Helmar Augustus Cooper, Margot de la Barre, Christian Delcroix, Laura Marie Duncan, Mike Evariste, Julie Foldersi, Rob Gallagher, Maryann Hu, Zachary James, Robert Lenzi, Deborah Lew, William Michals, Kimber Monroe, George Psomas, Greg Roderick and Jerold E. Solomon.*

*Tickets to **Rodgers & Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC** are available at the Vivian Beaumont Theater box office (150 W. 65 Street), at telecharge.com, or, by visiting www.lct.org.*

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