

**CORBIN BLEU MAKES
BROADWAY DEBUT AS USNAVI
MONDAY, JANUARY 25 IN
TONY AND GRAMMY AWARD WINNING
BEST MUSICAL**



LIMITED 13 WEEK ENGAGEMENT

The 2008 Tony and Grammy Award-winning Best Musical *In The Heights*, welcomes actor and recording artist **Corbin Bleu** as Broadway's new Usnavi. Making his Broadway debut in *In The Heights* Monday, January 25, 2010, **Corbin Bleu** will play a limited 13 week engagement through Sunday, April 25, 2010.

Corbin Bleu became a household name as "Chad Danforth" in the Emmy-award winning Disney Channel Original Movie "High School Musical," its sequel "High School Musical 2" (the highest rated Disney Channel Original Movie in history and overall highest rated program in cable history), and the 2008 feature film

High School Musical 3: Senior Year. Most recently Bleu was seen on the CW's "The Beautiful Life" starring opposite Elle Macpherson, Mischa Barton and Sara Paxton.

Bleu began 2009 with the release of his second solo album *Speed of Light*, an album that reflects an R&B sound. Bleu worked with the industry's top producers and writers including Eric Hudson, Brian Kennedy and Claude Kelly with whom Bleu co-wrote "Moments that Matter" and "Champion." Bleu performed "Moments That Matter" at the 2009 *We Are the Future Inaugural Concert* in Washington DC for the First Lady, Malia and Sasha Obama. Bleu's debut solo album *Another Side*, was released in 2007, and featured the hit single "Push it to the Limit" from Disney Channel's Original Movie "Jump In." Bleu's single, "Run It Back Again," from the Disney Channel Original Movie "Minutemen" became one of iTunes top 10 downloads.

Other feature films include *Catch That Kid*, *Soldier*, *Galaxy Quest*, *Mystery Men* and *Family Tree*. Corbin Bleu's stage credits include the Off-Broadway production of *Tiny Tim is Dead* and *Brothers of the Knight* with Debbie Allen. Television credits include a starring role on the Discovery Kids/NBC series "Flight 29 Down" and guest starring roles on "Hannah Montana," "ER," "The Amanda Show," "Cover Me" and "Malcolm & Eddie." He attended the Debbie Allen Dance Academy and the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts as a theatre Major. Bleu was nominated for a 2008 NAACP Image Award for "Best New Artist," is the national spokesperson for the Starlight Children's Foundation and is also involved with the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the ONE Foundation. This past month, Bleu was honored with Variety's "@15 'Power of Youth'" award for his work with the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Beginning its third year at the **Richard Rodgers Theatre** (226 West 46th Street), ***In The Heights*** is the winner of four 2008 **Tony Awards** including **Best Musical**. **Lin-Manuel Miranda** won the 2008 Tony for **Best Music and Lyrics**, **Andy Blankenbuehler** won the 2008 Tony for **Best Choreography**, and **Alex Lacamoire** and **Bill Sherman** won the 2008 Tony Award for **Best Orchestrations**. ***In The Heights*** began previews on Broadway Thursday, February 14, 2008, after a six-month award-winning 2007 Off-Broadway run. The musical opened on Broadway to critical acclaim Sunday, March 9, 2008, recouped its \$10 million investment in 10 months (twice breaking the house record at the Richard Rodgers Theatre). With a book by **Quiara Alegria Hudes** and conceived by **Lin-Manuel Miranda**, ***In The Heights*** is directed by **Thomas Kail**. **Alex Lacamoire** is music director and music arrangements are by **Alex Lacamoire** and **Bill Sherman**. ***In The Heights*** features a scenic design by **Anna Louizos**, costumes by **Paul Tazewell**, lighting by **Howell Binkley** and sound by **Acme Sound Partners**. ***In The Heights*** is produced by **Kevin McCollum**, **Jeffrey Seller**, **Jill Furman**, **Sander Jacobs**, **Robyn Goodman/Walt Grossman**, **Peter Fine** and **Sonny Everett/Mike Skipper** with associate producers **Ruth Hendel** and **Harold Newman**.

In The Heights won the 2008 Grammy Award for Best Original Cast Album. The first national tour of ***In The Heights*** launched in October 2009 in Tampa, FL at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and will travel to Minneapolis, Hartford, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Houston, Austin, Tempe, San Diego and Costa Mesa. This past May, ***In the Heights: Chasing Broadway Dreams*** premiered on THIRTEEN's ***Great Performances*** on PBS HD. **IMAGEM MUSIC**, the Number #1 independent music publisher in the world, has acquired the worldwide stock and amateur rights to ***In The Heights***. In November, 2008, **Universal Pictures** acquired the rights to produce a feature film based on ***In The Heights***.

In The Heights currently stars **Andréa Burns, Robin De Jesús, Mandy Gonzalez, Marcy Harriell, Christopher Jackson, Priscilla Lopez, Olga Merediz, Javier Muñoz, Rick Négron, Courtney Reed and William B. Wingfield** leading a cast of 28 that features **Tony Chioldes, Dwayne Clark, Rosie Lani Fiedelman, Ruben Flores, Marcus Paul James, Nina Lafarga, Jennifer Locke, Doreen Montalvo, Gabrielle Ruiz, Luis Salgado, Kevin Santos, Rickey Tripp, Michael Balderrama, Blanca Camacho, Stephanie Klemons, Allison Thomas Lee, Alejandra Reyes, Jon Rua and Marcos Santana.**

In The Heights is about a vibrant and tight-knit community at the top of the island of Manhattan. The music pulses with the hopes and dreams of three generations as they struggle to forge an identity in a neighborhood on the brink of transition.

Tickets for ***In The Heights*** range from \$41.50 to \$121.50, and can be purchased at the Richard Rodgers Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com. The playing schedule for ***In The Heights*** is as follows: Tuesdays and Sundays at 7pm, Monday, Wednesdays – Saturdays at 8pm, with matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm.