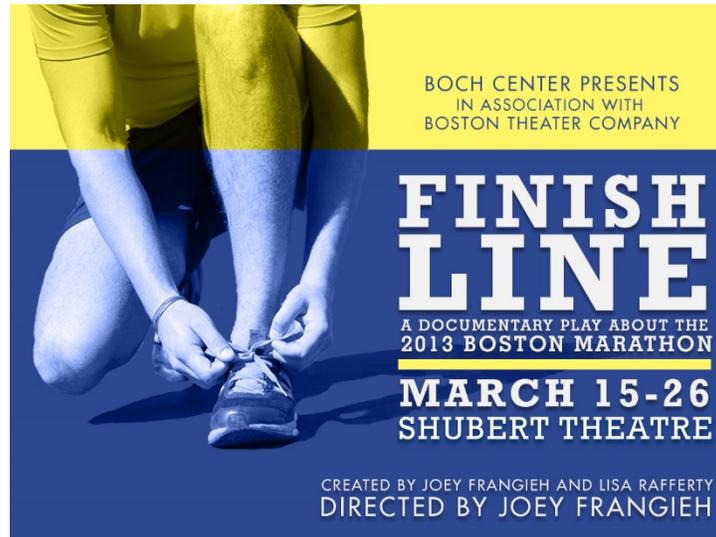


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# **WORLD PREMIERE OF “FINISH LINE: A DOCUMENTARY PLAY ABOUT THE 2013 BOSTON MARATHON” TO DEBUT IN BOSTON IN MARCH 2017**

**BOCH CENTER TO PRESENT FINISH LINE AT THE SHUBERT THEATRE MARCH 15 – 26, 2017**

**\*TICKETS ON SALE NOW\***

Boston, MA – In association with Boston Theater Company, the Boch Center will present the world premiere of *Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon* March 15 – 26, 2017 at the Shubert Theatre. Press night is set for Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00PM. Tickets are on sale now.

*Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon* is directed by Boston Theater Company Artistic Director Joey Frangieh. It is a story of recovery, resilience, and determination that focuses on how a community came together to heal and grow stronger, rather than on the act of violence itself. The script is created verbatim from dozens of interviews. Among those interviewed are survivors, runners, doctors, police officers, journalists, clergy, students, and many others. Notable interviewees who contributed their stories include Police Commissioner William Evans, news anchor Maria Stephanos, Life is Good founder John Jacobs, Boston Strong co-author Dave Wedge, 1976 Marathon winner Jack Fultz, and *Boston Globe* photographer John Tlumacki. The play is co-created by Joey Frangieh and Lisa Rafferty.

*Finish Line* hosted 16 sold-out workshop performances in April 2016 and will now launch a refreshed and reconfigured production at the Shubert Theatre in March 2017 through a partnership with the Boch Center.

“For anyone who saw the workshop presentation of *Finish Line* last April, you know how truly special and unique this project is,” said Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr., President & CEO of the Boch Center. “We are proud to have supported Boston Theater Company in its presentation of those workshops, and we are now thrilled to be presenting the world premiere of *Finish Line* at the Shubert Theatre. This new production will give more people the opportunity to experience these first-hand accounts of perseverance and hope on one of Boston’s most iconic stages.”

Through a first-of-its-kind partnership, necn will air both a 30-minute special on the making of *Finish Line* and a 60-minute preview of the production itself. Both will air early next year in advance on the March performance dates.

“With the support of the Boch Center, we are conducting more interviews, re-shaping the structure of the script, and envisioning a whole new design,” said Director Joey Frangieh. “We learned so much through the workshop process and are now focused on making changes to strengthen our core message. In March, *Finish Line* will debut at the Shubert Theatre, telling one story on behalf of the millions of people all over the world who fight every day to prove that love is more powerful than hate.”

Information on casting and the creative team for *Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon* will be released later this fall. Tickets are on sale now at the Boch Center Box Office, [Bochcenter.org](http://Bochcenter.org) or by calling (866) 348-9738.

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon</b>
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>March 15 – 26, 2017</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Boch Center Shubert Theatre</b>
<b>ON SALE:</b>	<b>NOW</b>
<b>TICKETS:</b>	<b>\$25.00 – \$57.50</b> <b>*Ticket prices inclusive of \$3.00 facility fee</b>

**About the Boch Center** – *The Boch Center is one of the nation’s leading nonprofit performing arts institutions and a guardian of the historic Wang and Shubert Theatres. As New England’s largest cultural venue, the Boch Center is home to theater, classical and popular music, dance, comedy, opera, Broadway musicals, family entertainment, and more.*

*Located in Boston’s historic Theater District, the Boch Center also offers a diverse mix of educational and community outreach initiatives, including the [City Spotlights Leadership Program](#) and [ArtWeek Boston](#); collaborates with artists and local nonprofit arts organizations; preserves historic venues; and acts as a champion for Greater Boston’s arts and cultural community. Learn more at [bochcenter.org](http://bochcenter.org).*

**About Boston Theater Company** – *Boston Theater Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to celebrating and exploring language in theater, creating modern innovative productions and educational outreach. BTC preserves the historical language of classical scripts, develops documentary theater and creates educational programming that serves artists of all ages. BTC consists of a team of young Boston-based artists who are passionate about collaboration, exploring the conversation between classical and new works, and creating art in fresh ways. For more information, visit [www.BostonTheater.org](http://www.BostonTheater.org)*