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SUBJECT: Star of Hamilton & In the Heights to Perform Virtually

[Jasper, IN Sept 24, 2020] Jasper Community Arts will present Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez (*Hamilton*, *In the Heights*) for a special virtual performance on October 10.

Mandy Gonzalez has thrilled audiences on Broadway, lit up the screen on television, and started a social movement. While most recently starring as Angelica Schuyler in the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton*, she is best known for her emotional portrayal of Nina Rosario in the Tony Award winning, Lin-Manuel Miranda Broadway musical, *In the Heights*, a role she originally created off Broadway at 37 Arts and which received a Drama Desk Award for Best Ensemble. Gonzalez also starred as Elphaba in the Broadway production *Wicked*, blowing the roof off of New York's Gershwin Theatre each night as she belted out the signature song, "Defying Gravity." Other Broadway roles include Princess Amneris in the Elton John and Tim Rice musical *Aida* and the Broadway show *Lennon*, where she portrayed multiple roles, including that of Beatles' icon John Lennon.

Equally at home on the big and small screen, Gonzalez has appeared in *Across the Universe*, directed by Julie Taymor, as well as the ABC drama thriller *Quantico* and CBS's *Madam Secretary*.

The virtual performance, beginning at 7:30 Eastern and presented with support from MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc., will feature Broadway, standards, and pop; a live Q&A; and a duet with Jasper High School student, Alexis Kleiman, which will debut during the live stream. "We are very excited for Alexis and for the students in Dubois County to have had this audition opportunity," said Kyle Rupert, JCA's Director. "Mandy and her team loved the auditions, which made choosing just one a difficult decision for them."

Tickets for the performance are \$15 for each access code and \$35 for those viewing the stream in groups of three or more. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visits www.jasperarts.org or call 812-482-3070.

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