jagged little pill

THE MUSICAL

June 6-11 2023
About

- *Jagged Little Pill* is an alternative rock album co-written and recorded (late 1994-5) by producer Glenn Ballard and then 19-year-old, Alanis Morissette.

- The album was released by Maverick Records (co-founded by pop superstar Madonna) in summer 1995.

- It explores several emotional themes like equality, heartbreak, misogyny, faith, female/self-empowerment, and acceptance.

- The experimental sound combinations, and confessional style lyrics were inspired by the post-grunge/punk rock trends of the early 90's.

- It quickly garnered many accolades, and later became one of the best-selling records of all time with over 33 million copies sold.
Breaking Ground

- The global success of the record proved the versatility of Alanis' talents and music.
- The album consists of 12 tracks, which cover a complex range of emotions through sophisticated lyricism and musical layering.
- Each track uses an eclectic combination of sounds varying from hard guitar and horns, to soft piano and shimmery percussions depending on the message of the song.
- The album as a whole shares relatable stories of life through deep, impassioned lyrics, that at times seem conversational, as if reading the diary of a friend.
- The songs explore the sounds and ideas of mismatched, yet real emotions we all grapple with simultaneously—co-existing; from raging angst, and disappointment, to bubbly, endearing optimism.
- Praised by both critics and fans alike, Jagged Little Pill was heavily acknowledged at many award ceremonies; sweeping four major categories at the Grammys alone: including Best Female Rock Performance, Best Rock Song, Best Rock Album, and Album of the Year.

- For these reasons, Morissette is considered a trailblazing pioneer for female singer-songwriters of her generation & beyond, and has earned the title "Queen of Alt-Rock Angst"
Breaking into Broadway

- In 2013, it was announced Morrissette and Ballard had reunited to stylize and adapt the record into a jukebox-musical.
- Rather than a typical biographical style story, the plot is fictional, centering around an American family who seems perfect on the outside, but individually are all dealing with inner demons or struggles.
- The show’s book is written by Diablo Cody (screen writer of *Juno*) and directed by Diane Paulus (Tony Award Winner for Best Direction of a Musical, *Pippin*)
- In 2018, *Jagged Little Pill* premiered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the American Repertory Theater.
- It opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre, in December 2019.
- The production went into hiatus when all Broadway theatres closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The show re-opened in October 2021, and ran until December, closing after a total of 171 performances.
- Despite the production issues, the show was quite popular and well attended, with an approval and attendance rating of 92%.
**MJ HEALY** - Good Catholic Girl Devoted Wife, Harvard Mom, PTA President, Soul Cycle Star, Trader Joe's Shopper, Christmas Letter Writer, Control Freak, Accident Victim, Opioid Addict, Rape Survivor
**PERFECTLY IMPERFECT.**

**FRANKIE HEALY** - Aspiring Poet, Founder of Social Movements and Advocacy Committee (SMACC), Proud Black Woman, Bisexual, Feminist, Perennial Trouble-Maker, Revolutionary in the Making
**REBEL WITH A CAUSE.**

**STEVE HEALY** - Successful Lawyer, Trophy Husband, Harvard Dad, Workaholic, City Commuter, Absentee Parent, Mid-Life Crisis Sufferer, Porn Lover
**WORKING STIFF.**

**NICK HEALY** - Salutatorian, Harvard Admit, All-State Symphony Cellist, Mathlete, AP Scholar, State Debate Society Champion, Captain of Swim Team, Resentful Son, Tight Lipped Witness
**MAKE US PROUD.**

**JO TAYLOR** - Wry Jokester, Track Jacket Enthusiast, Beanie Lover, Sardonic Realist, Queer, LGBTQ+/Social Activist, Jilted Best Friend.
**LOST BUT HOPEFUL.**

**BELLA FOX** - Literary Magazine Editor, Edgy High School Senior, Sexual Assault Survivor, Women's Rights Activist, Voice of a Movement
**UNDER RUG SWEPT.**