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## George Takei's 'Allegiance' returning to theaters

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The Broadway musical "Allegiance" is making a return to movie theaters nationwide on Dec. 7, the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks.

The rebroadcast of the filmed version will feature new footage this winter, including interviews with cast members and more.

Below is the full text of creator George Takei's message announcing the return engagement:

"Hello Friend, I am happy to announce that the film-version of my legacy project, the Broadway musical 'Allegiance,' will be making a much-requested return to movie theaters all over the United States on Dec. 7.

The date is significant as it is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, which set in motion the internment of 120,000 Americans like me, for no crime other than looking like the enemy who attacked us.

As you know by now, this Broadway show was inspired by my very own experiences, after my family was rounded up at gunpoint and shipped off to prison camps. Besides Yours Truly, the film features some of Broadway's finest talent,

like Tony Award Winner <u>Lea Salonga</u> ('Miss Saigon'), Telly Leung ('Glee,' 'Rent,' 'Aladdin') and Katie Rose Clarke ('Wicked,' 'Miss Saigon').

I am proud that the film can continue to reach newer generations everywhere, reminding us of the dangers that come when fear and prejudice override human compassion.

As a treat to all of you fans, this new showing of 'Allegiance' will include additional footage from the production's vault, with interviews with the cast, as well as footage from a special ceremony in Hawaii honoring the 442nd regimental combat team— the most decorated unit of the U.S. Army during WWII.

Finding a showing near you is as easy as visiting http://allegiancemusical.com/article/allegiance-film-encore and typing in your zip code, and — especially if you saw it already — I highly encourage you to bring someone to the Dec. 7 showing with whom you want to share this unique experience.

I hope to see you all at the movies. Thank you, George."

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Lea Salonga and George Takei play members of a Japanese-American family interned during World War II in Broadway's "Allegiance."