

70409613 # With his body draped in the Puerto Rican flag, his emotions struggling to get through the song titled " Hurricane " and his presence celebrated all across San Juan, " Hamilton " creator Lin-Manuel Miranda returned to the role of Alexander Hamilton on Friday night on the island of his beloved father's birth, revealing stronger vocal technique and deeper on-stage emotions, while also raising some \$15 million toward a Puerto Rican post-hurricane renaissance in just three weeks of sold-out performances. # " I just love this island so much, " Miranda said after the show. " And I want it to be proud of me. " # He needed not worry on that account. At a post-show news conference, a hefty phalanx of local media peppered a clearly exhausted Miranda with questions on a variety of political topics of interest in Puerto Rico, from how to solve the vexing local crime problem to the potential for debt forgiveness, and from the likely future fiscal policy of the Trump administration to the campaign for statehood. Several times, Miranda apologized for having been too busy with a musical and a movie to keep up on the daily Puerto Rican news, but it was clear that he is regarded, increasingly, as in the words of one taxi driver, " Puerto Rico's most powerful celebrity advocate. " # " Hamilton " has caused a stir wherever it has landed, but the scene outside the Centro de Bellas Artes Luis A. Ferr? in San Juan still was extraordinary. # In one corner of the plaza, a high-school student named Gustavo Rosa was surprised