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**THE 5TH AVENUE THEATRE PRESENTS *DAMN YANKEES*,
THE DEVILISHLY SEXY RACE FOR THE PENNANT**

April 21 – May 20, 2012

Music and Lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross; Book by George Abbott and Douglass Wallop

Adapted from the novel "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant" by Douglass Wallop

Directed by Mark S. Hoebee

WHAT: Batter up! This spring, *Damn Yankees*, one of musical theater's greatest hits, slides into home plate at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** after a hell of a run at Paper Mill Playhouse. This sinfully funny musical comedy is the story of an aging baseball fan who makes a deal with the Devil so his beloved hometown team, the Senators, can beat the Yankees in the race for the pennant. From the songwriting team of *The Pajama Game*, *Damn Yankees* is filled with hit songs including "Two Lost Souls" and the sultry favorite, "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets." This sensational show opened on Broadway in 1955 and was an instant hit and walked away from the 1956 Tony Awards ceremony with seven awards out of its nine nominations including "Best Musical."

The 5th Avenue's production of *Damn Yankees* is a co-production with New Jersey's acclaimed **Paper Mill Playhouse**. The creative team includes direction by **Mark Hoebee** (Paper Mill's Producing Artistic Director) and choreography by **Denis Michael Jones**. The Faustian tale will feature a line-up of power hitters including **Hugh Hastings** as aging baseball enthusiast Joe Boyd, **Christopher Wood** as Young Joe Hardy, **Hans Altweis** as Mr. Applegate, the Devil-in-Disguise, and Broadway's **Patti Cohenour** as the baseball widow Meg Boyd. **Chrissy Whitehead** will play the seductress Lola.

WHEN: **April 21 – May 20, 2012**
Previews: April 21 – April 25, 2012
Opening Night: April 26, 2012 (*press night*)
Closing Performance: May 20, 2012

SHOW Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM
TIMES: Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM

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Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Sundays – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

No performances 5/15 or 5/16

Added performance on 5/10 at 1:30 pm

WHERE: **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101)

TICKETS: Single tickets start at \$29.00. For more information, or to purchase tickets please visit www.5thavenue.org or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (888) 5TH-4TIX.

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