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THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF FINDING LOVE ON A “*FIRST DATE*”

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE 5TH AVENUE THEATRE
AND ACT - A CONTEMPORARY THEATRE

March 10-May 20, 2012

*Book by Austin Winsberg; Music & Lyrics by Alan Zachary & Michael Weiner
Directed by Bill Berry*

WHAT: ACT – A Contemporary Theatre and The 5th Avenue Theatre are taking their relationship to the next level this spring with the world premiere of *First Date*, the sassy new musical about one date, two people, and all the voices in their heads. How can they know if they’re right for each other when old boyfriends, ex-fiancées, assorted friends and relatives, and even the waiter keep offering unsolicited advice? With book by **Austin Winsberg** and music and lyrics by **Alan Zachary** and **Michael Weiner**, this irreverent comedy chronicles the perils and pitfalls of blind dating that lead romance on a journey from “tragic mistake” to “true love.” Or, at least, to a second date. Featuring one of Seattle’s rising stars **Eric Ankrim**, *First Date* hits the big questions head-on: “How can you be yourself, when everything seems to be pulling you to be someone else?” **Bill Berry** directs the hilarious new musical in the Falls Theatre at ACT. This is the second production produced in partnership by ACT and The 5th Avenue Theatre. *Contains mature content.*

WHEN: **Previews:** March 10-28, 2012
Opening Night: March 29, 2012 (*press night*)
Closing Performance: May 20, 2012

SHOW TIMES: Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM
Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sundays – 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
*No evening performance on March 18, April 8, and May 3, 2012.
Added 2:00 PM matinee performance on April 5 and May 3, 2012*

WHERE: ACT – A Contemporary Theatre in the Falls Theatre (700 Union Street, Seattle 98101)

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TICKETS: To purchase tickets (\$15-\$69), or for more information please visit www.5thavenue.org or call the box office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (888) 5TH-4TIX.

SPONSORS:

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