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**The 5th Avenue Theatre and ACT – A Contemporary Theatre
Present the Dark and Provocative Sondheim Masterpiece
*Assassins***

*Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; Book by John Wiedman
Directed by John Langs*

February 27-May 8, 2016

WHAT: The 5th Avenue Theatre and ACT- A Contemporary Theatre are kicking off the presidential election with a bang, presenting the landmark musical ***Assassins*** with music and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim** and book by **John Wiedman**. Directed by **ACT** Artistic Director **John Langs**, this 6th co-production takes place in the shooting gallery of a tawdry carnival where audiences find themselves in the company of some of the most notorious figures in American history—the assassins who tried (and in some cases succeeded) to kill the president. Together, John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald, Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, John Hinckley and others reveal the stories of their troubled lives and deadly deeds in this provocative show created by one of the undisputed masters of musical theater. Audiences will thrill in the surreal exploration of an assassin’s motivations and emerge questioning what lengths they are willing to go to achieve the American Dream. Winner of both Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Revival of a Musical in 2004, this powerful work is by turns comical, dark and haunting.

Assassins features a killer cast including: **Kjherstine Andersen** as Emma Goldman, **Nathan Brockett** as the Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald, **John Coons** as Guiseppe Zangara, **Nick DeSantis** as the Proprietor, **Rich Gray** as Charles Guiteau, **Laura Griffith** as Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, **Frederick Hagreen** as John Hinckley, **Louis Hobson** as John Wilkes Booth, **Kendra Kassebaum** as Sara Jane Moore, **Brandon O’Neill** as Leon Czolgosz and **Matt Wolfe** as Samuel Byck.

WHEN: *Previews: Saturday, February 27 – Wednesday, March 2, 2016*
Opening Night: Thursday, March 3, 2016 (press night)
Closing Performance: Sunday, May 8, 2016

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SHOW Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM
TIMES: Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sundays – 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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

TICKETS: For single tickets (starting at \$15 for students and \$49 for regular audiences) and information, please visit www.5thavenue.org or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased at the ACT Box Office at (206) 292-7676 or visit www.acttheatre.org

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