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JERSEY BOYS

The story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

The Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-Winning Best Musical Returns to Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre

Directed by Des McAnuff

April 4-May 4, 2013

(Wednesday, January 30, 2013 – SEATTLE, WA) Casting has been announced for the Seattle engagement of the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning hit musical **Jersey Boys**, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, playing the **The 5th Avenue Theatre April 4-May 4, 2013**. The cast of **Jersey Boys** will be led by **Brandon Andrus** (*Nick Massi*), **Colby Foytik** (*Tommy DeVito*), Seattle native **Jason Kappus** (*Bob Gaudio*) and **Brad Weinstock** (*Frankie Valli*) as The Four Seasons, with Barry Anderson and Thomas Fiscella.

"We are so excited to welcome both **Jersey Boys** and its star, Jason Kappus, back to The 5th," said 5th Avenue Theatre Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong. "Jason appeared on our stage in *West Side Story* and *Catch Me If You Can* before going on to Broadway, and we are thrilled to have him back at The 5th, and starring in such an exhilarating smash Broadway hit."

The ensemble of **Jersey Boys** includes Stephen Cerf, Kaleigh Cronin, Brent DiRoma, Larry Esparza, Natalie Gallo, Devon Goffman, Wes Hart, Dave Hildebrand, Ian Joseph, Hayden Milanese, Michelle Pruiett, Rachel Schur, Skye Scott, Carlos Valdes and Curtis Wiley.

Jersey Boys is the winner of the 2006 Best Musical Tony Award, the 2006 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, and the 2010 Helpmann Award for Best Musical (Australia). The 2007 premiere engagement of **Jersey Boys** in Seattle was an overwhelming success, seen by nearly 100,000 theatergoers, a new record that made it the most attended show in 5th Avenue history. The smash hit was hailed as "a dazzling, gritty, almost painfully fun example of everything that musical theater should be" by the *Seattle Weekly*. The *Seattle Times* raved "**Jersey Boys** is more than a vastly entertaining musical. It is something of a revelation." *The Stranger* proclaimed "**Jersey Boys** is a buffed and shiny thing, an entertainment machine greased with pomade

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whose engine hums in four-part harmony.” **Jersey Boys** has been seen by more than 16 million people worldwide (as of September, 2012).

Catch a sneak peek of **Jersey Boys**! Log on to www.JerseyBoysTour.com/watch.

Directed by two-time Tony Award-winner **Des McAnuff**, **Jersey Boys** is written by Academy Award-winner **Marshall Brickman** and **Rick Elice**, with music by **Bob Gaudio**, lyrics by **Bob Crewe** and choreography by **Sergio Trujillo**.

Jersey Boys is the story of **Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons**: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were thirty.

Jersey Boys opened at the August Wilson Theatre on Broadway to critical acclaim on November 6, 2005. The **Jersey Boys** First National Tour opened to rave reviews in San Francisco on December 1, 2006, played a record-breaking run in Los Angeles, and is still breaking house records in cities across North America. **Jersey Boys** is currently playing in New York, London, Las Vegas, Brisbane, and across the US on two National tours.

Jersey Boys is coming soon to Adelaide, Australia; Singapore; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

The **Jersey Boys** design and production team comprises **Klara Zieglerova** (scenic design), **Jess Goldstein** (costume design), **Howell Binkley** (winner of the 2006 Tony Award for his lighting design of **Jersey Boys**), **Steve Canyon Kennedy** (sound design), **Michael Clark** (projections design), **Charles LaPointe** (wig and hair design), **Steve Orich** (orchestrations) and **Ron Melrose** (music direction, vocal arrangements, and incidental music).

Jersey Boys is produced by **Dodger Theatricals**, **Joseph J. Grano**, **Tamara** and **Kevin Kinsella**, **Pelican Group**, with **Latitude Link** and **Rick Steiner**.

The Original Broadway Cast Recording of **Jersey Boys**, produced by Bob Gaudio, was recently certified “Platinum” by the Recording Industry Association of America. The cast recording is now available on Rhino Records. **Jersey Boys: The Story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons** (Broadway Books) is the official handbook to the smash Broadway hit. **Seasons Greetings: A Jersey Boys Christmas**, a new holiday CD featuring international cast members of **Jersey Boys**, produced by Bob Gaudio, is now available on Rhino Records.

About the Cast Playing The Four Seasons

BRANDON ANDRUS (*Nick Massi*) Previously: *Oklahoma!* (Curly, 1st National Tour); *Xanadu* (Sonny); *All Shook Up* (Chad, MSMT); *Damn Yankees* (Rocky); *Annie Get Your Gun* (Frank u/s); *Camelot* (Sir Lionel, Goodspeed); *Ilyria* (Duke Orsino, Prospect Theater Co.); *Romeo & Juliet: The Musical* (Capulet); *Snow White an Enchanting Musical* (The Prince); *Guiding Light* (Officer Tucker, CBS Television). Ithaca College graduate.

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COLBY FOYTIK (*Tommy DeVito*) Colby launches the second national tour of *Jersey Boys* following a ten month run in the Las Vegas production. Regional: *Fiddler On The Roof* (Perchik) opposite Topol, Harvey Fierstein and Theodore Bikel. Proud Ithaca graduate and member of Actors' Equity.

JASON KAPPUS (*Bob Gaudio*) Seattle native. Broadway: *American Idiot*. National Tour: *Legally Blonde*. Regional: *Catch Me if You Can*, *West Side Story* (5th Avenue Theatre), *Hairspray* (North Carolina Theatre), *High School Musical* (Seattle Children's Theatre).

BRAD WEINSTOCK (*Frankie Valli*). Born and raised in Jersey, Brad is thrilled to be part of the *Jersey Boys* family. Brad comes directly from the Las Vegas production of *Jersey Boys*. 1st National Tour: *Wicked* (Boq). Original Chicago Cast: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Chip). Regional favorites: Toby in *Sweeney Todd* (Geva Theatre), *Shenandoah* (Marriott Theatre) and Tina Landau's *WAS*. Proud Northwestern graduate.

For more information on **Jersey Boys**, go to www.JerseyBoysTour.com or www.5thavenue.org.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: **The 5th Avenue Theatre** is thrilled to welcome the triumphant return of the Tony, Grammy, and Olivier Award-winning hit musical **Jersey Boys**, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Featuring **Brandon Andrus** (*Nick Massi*), **Colby Foytik** (*Tommy DeVito*), Seattle native **Jason Kappus** (*Bob Gaudio*) and **Brad Weinstock** (*Frankie Valli*) as The Four Seasons, this smash Broadway hit musical follows the rags-to-rock-to-riches tale of four blue-collar kids working their way from the streets of Newark to the heights of stardom. Broadway's biggest success story takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons and features the hits "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

WHEN: *April 4-May 4, 2013*
Previews: April 4, 2013
Opening Night: April 6, 2013 (press night)
Closing Performance: Sunday, May 4, 2013

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

TICKETS: For single tickets (starting at \$37) and information, please visit www.5thavenue.org or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX.

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