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**Adrenaline-Packed *Jasper in Deadland*
Will Star Broadway's Matt Doyle**
New Musical Revitalizes the Myth of Orpheus & Euridyce

*Book by Hunter Foster and Ryan Scott Oliver; Music and Lyrics by Ryan Scott Oliver
Direction by Brandon Ivie; Choreography by Lorin Latarro*

April 30 – May 24, 2015

(Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – SEATTLE, WA) One of New York City's hottest young stars, **Matt Doyle** will make the journey from the Big Apple to the Emerald City to star in ***Jasper in Deadland***, a role he originated Off-Off-Broadway in 2014. An electrifying new pop/rock musical in the spirit of *RENT* and *Spring Awakening*, ***Jasper in Deadland*** takes audiences at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** on a mythological thrill-ride through the underworld. Directed by **Brandon Ivie**, this high-octane musical boasts a book by **Ryan Scott Oliver** and **Hunter Foster** and music and lyrics by **Ryan Scott Oliver** and is undergoing extensive development since its previous incarnation at New York's West End Theater.

As teenage Jasper faces gods and monsters in search of his best friend (and true love) Agnes, he learns to let go of the demons of daily life and embrace the music within. With a pulsating contemporary score and vibrant roots in ancient Greek, Egyptian, Roman and Norse legends and fables, this spine-tingling, hair-raising, heart-stirring show explores what it means to be truly alive.

Jasper in Deadland plays **April 30 – May 24, 2015** (*press opening May 14*) at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101). Tickets (starting at \$29) may be purchased online at www.5thavenue.org, by phone at 206-625-1900, or at the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

Matt Doyle firmly established himself as one of Broadway's phenomenal young talents when he originated the role of Billy Narcott in the Broadway production of *War Horse*, but has been rocking the stage since 2007 when *Spring Awakening* took the world by storm (he first covered Melchior and then in 2008 took over as Hanschen). He went on to play Melchior for a two-year run in Toronto. The *Toronto Star* raved about his performance, saying "Matt Doyle as the straight-arrow Melchior gave one of the most dynamic performances of the night, with passion quivering from every part of his body, as well as a

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face and voice that laid every emotion right on the line." Doyle, who has also played a recurring role on the hit show *Gossip Girl* and recorded two albums, took over the role of Elder Price in the Broadway smash *The Book of Mormon* for a year before taking on Jasper in 2014. *The New York Times* called him "excellent" and *Entertainment Weekly* named him "miraculous and implausibly good."

About The 5th Avenue Theatre

The non-profit 5th Avenue Theatre is acclaimed as one of the nation's leading musical theater companies and is especially renowned for its production and development of new works. Since 2002, the Seattle-based company has produced 17 new musicals. To date, nine (including the sensational hit *Disney's Aladdin*) have moved on to Broadway premieres, earning a combined 15 Tony Awards, including two for Best Musical (*Hairspray* and *Memphis*). The 5th Avenue Theatre is also known for its world class, critically acclaimed productions of musicals chosen from both the contemporary canon and the Golden Age of Broadway.

Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernadine C. Griffin and Producing Artistic Director Bill Berry, this non-profit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 25,000 subscribers – one of the largest theater subscriptions in North America.

In addition to its main stage productions, The 5th Avenue Theatre is also committed to encouraging the next generation of theatergoers through its extensive educational outreach programs. For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit www.5thavenue.org.

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WHEN: *Previews: Saturday, April 30 - May 13, 2015*
Opening Night: Thursday, May 14, 2015 (press night)

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Closing Performance: Sunday May 24, 2015

SHOW Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM

TIMES: Thursdays & Fridays – 8:00 PM
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Sundays – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

WHERE: 5th Avenue Theatre, 1308 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101

TICKETS: For single tickets (starting at \$29) and information, please visit www.5thavenue.org or call 206-625-1900, or visit the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

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