

## NEWS RELEASE

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### THEATRE CALENDAR LISTING

**WHO:** The Theatre School at DePaul University

**WHAT: *A NEW BRAIN***

music and lyrics by William Finn, book by William Finn and James Lapine  
directed by Betsy Hamilton, with musical direction by Mark Elliott

Tony-Award winning William Finn's own medical misdiagnosis was the basis for this quirky and uplifting musical. Gordon, under stress from his job, collapses and is soon diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. During his stay in the hospital he is visited by an odd assortment of characters, helping him discover the healing power of art. *A NEW BRAIN* has been hailed as "a tuneful and highly entertaining musical with a relentlessly optimistic spirit" (*Chicago Tribune*).

**WHEN:** **November 11 – 20, 2005 (previews 11/9 and 11/10)**

Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 2 PM.

**WHERE:** Athenaeum Studio Three, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago

**ADMISSION:** Admission is FREE. Reservations are recommended.

**BOX OFFICE/** **For more information and to make a reservation, call (312) 922-1999.**  
**INFORMATION:** Further information available at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu>

**MEDIA:** *Photos, media reservations and interviews are available on request.*

**STAFF:** **Betsy Hamilton** (Director), **Mark Elliott** (Musical Director), **Ron Seeley** (Scenic Design), **Christine Conley** (Costume Design), **Julie J. Wilms** (Lighting Design), **Matthew Didier** (Dramaturg) and **Samantha Flint** (Stage Manager).

**CAST:** **Sara Anderson** (Nancy D.), **Talon Beeson** (Dr. Jafar Berensteiner), **Briana DeGiulio** (The Minister/Waitress), **Emily Brooks** (Mimi Schwinn), **Erfon Jay** (Richard), **Laura Mahler** (Rhoda), **Jonathan McGinley** (Gordon Michael Schwinn), **Tawny Ellain Newsome** (Lisa), **Brandon Anthony Prather** (Roger Delli-Bovi), and **Jeremy Young** (Mr. Bungee).

**SPECIAL EVENT:** A post-show discussion with the cast following the performance on Thursday, November 17, 2005.