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THEATRE CALENDAR LISTING

WHO: The Theatre School Showcase at DePaul University

WHAT: *THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO* by Alfred Uhry, directed by Trudie Kessler

This Tony Award-winning play highlights a Jewish family's obsession with Ballyhoo, the cotillion for Southern Jewish society, as tensions rise in Europe and "*Gone with the Wind*" premieres in Atlanta in 1939. Populated with delightful characters and brimming with witty lines, *THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO* is a radiant true-to-life comedy framed by the family's struggle with anti-Semitism and quest for assimilation and identity.

WHEN: February 10 - 19, 2006 (previews 2/8 and 2/9 at 7:30 PM)

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

WHERE: DePaul's Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive (at Michigan), Chicago.

PARKING: Discount parking available with coupons from the Box Office.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The theatre is accessible via CTA buses (3-King Drive, 29-State, and 146-Michigan/Museums) and CTA El stops (Red - Harrison stop, Blue - LaSalle stop, Brown/Orange/Purple - Library stop).

ADMISSION: Ticket prices are \$15. Preview tickets are \$10. Student tickets are \$6. Seniors (over 60), DePaul employees/alumni and members of our community partners receive a discount (with ID). Previews are free to college students (with ID). Subscriptions to our three-play Theatre School Showcase season (which also includes David Edgar's *PENTECOST* and August Wilson's *TWO TRAINS RUNNING*) are available for \$18 - \$36.

BOX OFFICE/ INFORMATION: **For more information and to purchase tickets, call (312) 922-1999.** Tickets may be purchased at www.ticketweb.com and www.hottix.org. Further information available at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu>

MEDIA: Photos, videos, audio recordings, media comps and interviews are available on request.

STAFF: **Trudie Kessler** (Director), **Ana Hale Prillaman** (Scenic Design), **Elizabeth Shaffer** (Costume Design), **Noah Record** (Lighting Design) and **Jeremy Chalmer** (Sound Design).

CAST: **Kyle A. Gibson** (Peachy Weil), **Yosh Hayashi** (Adolf Freitag), **Jason Karasev** (Joe Farkas), **Callie A. Munson** (Boo Levy), **Mira Vasiljevic** (Reba Freitag), **Logan Walters** (Sunny Freitag) and **Kate Weinberg** (Lala Levy)

ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES: The performance on Sunday, February 19 will be interpreted in American Sign Language. TTY: (773) 325-7975.

SPECIAL EVENTS: A post-show discussion with the cast follows the performances on Sunday, February 12 and Thursday, February 16. The performance on Wednesday, February 15 is "DePaul Night;" tickets are half price for all DePaul faculty, staff and students, as well as any college student (with ID).

DINNER OFFERS: Receive a 15% discount at the Pavilion Restaurant, Buckingham's or Kitty O'Sheas (all at the Hilton Chicago and Towers) with coupons from the Box Office.