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**GREASE REVS UP PLAYHOUSE STAGE FOR SUMMERTIME
RETRO MUSIC AND DANCE FUN 50s STYLE**

LAKE WORTH, Florida (June 29, 2009) – The Lake Worth Playhouse summertime show is the Broadway hit musical, GREASE, by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. This popular Tony Award-winning 1950s-themed musical opens at the Playhouse on July 10 and runs through August 1, 2009.

GREASE brings to the stage everybody's favorite cast of characters from Rydell High's senior class of 1959, featuring the legendary Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys who set the stage for their cool greaser-friend Danny to wow new-girl-in-school Sandy with music, dance and a little Greased Lightnin'! The musical features hit songs, *Summer Nights*, *We Go Together*, *Born to Hand-Jive*, *Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee*, *Beauty School Drop-Out* and *Greased Lightnin'*.

Originally hitting Broadway in 1972 where it enjoyed an eight-year run, GREASE was revived in 1994 and again in 2007, and has been nominated for more than a dozen Tony Awards. With a score that recalls the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley, it became the soundtrack of a generation and spawned a major motion picture starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta in 1978 and its sequel starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Maxwell Caulfield in 1982.

The Playhouse production of GREASE is directed and choreographed by Robert Dawson, with music direction by Toni Stamos. Dawson and Stamos are the winning team behind last season's hit production NUNSENSE, and have individually worked on several other successful Playhouse productions, including last summer's hit HAIR (Dawson) and the recently produced held-over production of ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE (Stamos).

The Playhouse is gearing up for GREASE, with a 1950s-themed block party hosted and sponsored by The Cottage restaurant. This fundraising event is called **NIFTY 50S BLOCK PARTY** and takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 3, 2009** at The Cottage, located at Lucerne and L Streets in downtown Lake Worth. The event features 1950s dance contests, 1950s karaoke music, vintage vendors, classic car displays and a 50/50 raffle. Admission is free, and a five-dollar donation to the Playhouse can be made in exchange for a ticket redeemable for one free hotdog and a free soda or domestic draft beer at The Cottage.

About Lake Worth Playhouse

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, ballets and operas on film, concert series and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The 57th season of the Lake Worth Playhouse will open with the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical **OKLAHOMA** (October 9-25, 2009), followed by Neil Simon's bittersweet comedy **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS** (November 20 – December 13, 2009), Broadway dance sensation **SWING** (January 22 – February 7, 2010), Agatha Christie's **THE MOUSETRAP** (March 5-21, 2010) and Andrew Lloyd Webber's **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT** (April 16 – May 2, 2010). The Playhouse is also presenting as special Halloween production of the spine-shilling ghost story, **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** (October 30 & 31).

Schedule

Opening Night for **GREASE** is Friday, July 10, 2009 at 8:00 PM. Performances run Fridays at 8pm and Saturdays at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM, with additional Sunday matinees (2:00 PM) on July 19 and July 26. **GREASE** closes Saturday, August 1.

Tickets

Single ticket prices are \$25 and \$29 and can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Location

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lit parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.

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