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MEDIA RELEASE

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Skylight Music Theatre lets the sun shine in for new production of HAIR

Milwaukee, WI – Skylight Music Theatre is creating a new production of the award-winning musical *HAIR*. The production runs May 16 through June 8 in the Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center (158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee WI).

The cast of *HAIR* will be under the direction of Skylight Artistic leaders, Artistic Director **Viswa Subbaraman** and Associate Artistic Director **Ray Jivoff** and will mark the close of Subbaraman’s inaugural season as Artistic Director. The 2013-2014 season focused on Revolution as a theme for all its shows and events.

HAIR was not only about revolution but was also a revolutionary musical of its time. The score rock and roll music was combined with an untraditional format of songs that didn’t have big endings and often segued directly into the next song, not allowing the audience time to applaud. *HAIR* rejected every convention of Broadway and traditional theater.

HAIR captures a moment in the lives of a generation of young people when they believed they could change the world. The themes of drugs, war, racism and sex are still incredibly relevant today. “I think the show inspires us to continue to work toward a society that accepts differences and work towards peace”, says Ray Jivoff who is stage directing the production.

“What has been fascinating to me is the number of references in *HAIR* that are still relevant today. We are still fighting wars, and we are still trying to come to terms with what it means to send generations of Americans off to war. We are also still struggling with racism in America”, said Viswa Subbaraman who is music directing the show.

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CREDITS

Music by Galt MacDermot
Lyrics and book by James Rado and Gerome Ragni

PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Director Ray Jivoff
Choreographer Jeremy McQueen
Music Director Viswa Subbaraman
Scenic Designer Lisa Schlenker
Costume Designer Shima Orans
Lighting Designer Kurt Schnabel
Sound Designer Gary Ellis
Assistant Music Director Anne Van Deusen
Assistant Scenic Designer Adam Stoner
Stage Manager Brandy Kline
Assistant Stage Manager Vanessa Chumbley

ORCHESTRA

Woodwinds Ron Foster
Trumpet Tom Schlueter, Brett Murphey
Guitar Steve Lewandowski, Bob Monagle
Bass Tom McGirr
Drums Michael Lorenz
Percussion John Seydewitz

CAST

Berger Alex Mace
Woof Ryan Cappleman
Claude Doug Clemons
Sheila Alison Mary Forbes
Crissy Katherine McDuffy
Dionne Raven Dockery
Hud Sherrick Robinson
Steve Jacob D. Bach
Jeanie Amber Smith
Tribe: Matt Zeman, Di’Monte Henning, Zachary Thomas Woods, Cleary Breunig, Stephanie Staszak, Shawn Holmes, Kelly Doherty,
Mara McGhee, Sally Staats, Bria Cloyd, Gina Weber

BIOGRAPHIES

Alex Berger (Mace) – Alex Mace is ecstatic to return to his home state to celebrate peace, love and freedom with this beautiful tribe in Skylight’s production of *Hair*. Previous roles include National Tours: *Hair* (Tribe. Claude, Berger and Woof understudy. Dir. Diane Paulus - Big League). New York Musical Theatre Festival: *That Lady from Maxim’s* (Corignon - Isle of Shoals). Regional: *Les Miserables* (Enjolras - CR Productions), *Hair* (Berger – Cohoes Music Hall), *Love, Sex, and the I.R.S.* (Jon - Millbrook Playhouse), *Mousetrap* (Major Metcalf - Millbrook Playhouse). NYC: *Lighthouse* (The Stranger - Isle of Shoals), *Romeo and Juliet* (Paris - Isle of Shoals). NYC Readings: *Skye of July* (Skye- LONE STAR Theatre Co.).

Ryan Cappleman (Woof) – Ryan Cappleman is an actor, choreographer, teacher, and pianist in the Milwaukee area. He’s also a member of the Irish band Tallymoore. Off Broadway: *Waiting...a Song Cycle*, Regional: *Big the Musical*, *Rudolph* (First Stage Children’s Theater), *Packer Fans From Outerspace* (Vogel Hall), *Pinkalicious*, *Goodnight Moon* (Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences), *Assassins* (Windfall Theatre). Film: *The Princess Knight*. Ryan had the privilege of teaching for the Madhot Ballroom and Tap program for Danceworks this past year, and choreographs for many high schools in Southeastern Wisconsin (Two-time Tommy Award winner for Outstanding Choreography). Proud alumni of UW Milwaukee’s Musical Theatre Department, Ryan is excited to revisit Woof and this rocking show after UWM’s 2009 production. Upcoming: *Kiss Me Kate* (UW Waukesha), Tallymoore’s Summer Tour, *Capps off to Hollywood* at Sunset Playhouse.

Doug Clemons (Claude) – Recent credits include *Jesus Christ Superstar* (InTandem Theatre) and *Les Misérables* (Skylight Music Theatre). Other highlights include *Iolanthe* (Milwaukee Opera Theatre), *A Little Night Music* (Windfall Theatre), *The Last Romance* (Boulevard Theatre) and backup vocals for *Michael Bubl  *. A proud local, Doug has enjoyed performing with Florentine Opera, Off the Wall Theatre, Sunset Playhouse and as a soloist in the Door County Opera Festival and Choral Arts Society of Southeast Wisconsin.

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Alison Mary Forbes (Sheila) – Previous Skylight credits include *Sunday in the Park with George* (Dot), *Avenue Q* (Mrs. T/Bad Idea Bear), *Jacques Brel, Les Misérables*, and *RENT*, as well as two turns in Skylight’s Cabaret series. She has worked throughout Milwaukee and the Midwest with Milwaukee Chamber Theatre (*Jeeves Intervenes*), First Stage Children’s Theatre (*Peter Pan*, *Charlotte’s Web*, *The Cat in the Hat*), Milwaukee Shakespeare (*The Winter’s Tale*, *Macbeth*, *Henry IV.I*), In Tandem, Optimist Theatre, Bunny Gumbo, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, Minnesota Centennial Showboat, and Minneapolis Musical Theatre. She holds a BA in theatre/acting from the University of Minnesota and has taught for First Stage and Waukesha Civic Theatre.

Katherine McDuffy (Crissy) – This season Katherine McDuffy toured with Skylight’s educational outreach program and assistant directed *In the Heights*. Katherine attended Indiana University and spent two summers at the Heartland Festival. Favorite credits include *Sweet Charity* (Charity), *Company* (Amy), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tzietel), and *Grease* (Jan). She’ll end the summer in Door County playing Sybil in *Private Lives*. Next season Katherine will be an acting intern at the Milwaukee Rep.

Raven Dockery (Dionne) – Raven Dockery was recently seen in *Songs for a New World* with Kalliope Vocal Arts and Paramount Theatre’s production of *Rent*. Some previous favorite roles are; Dragon/Mama Bear in *Shrek the Musical* (First Stage) and The Witch in *Into the Woods* (UW-Milwaukee). Raven is a recent graduate of The Musical Theater Program at UW-Milwaukee.

Sherrick Robinson (Hud) – A Milwaukee native, Sherrick Robinson is a part of the Kohl’s Wild Theater company at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Some of his favorite appearances in the Milwaukee area include Optimist Theatre’s *As You Like It*, Sunset Playhouse’s *Six Degrees of Separation*, *Hair* and Damned Theater’s *A Rising Wind*. He has also enjoyed directing The World’s Stage’s *Shelock Holmes* and Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa’s *Psych*.

Jacob D. Back (Steve) – Jacob received training from UW-Milwaukee, ComedySportz, and iO Chicago and specializes in improvisation. Jacob founded *T.I.M. (The Improvised Musical)* where he is Artistic Director and Main Stage Cast Member. Jacob has worked at ComedySportz Milwaukee since 2008, where he is a player and instructor. Jacob was also voted into the ComedySportz All-Star Match in 2013 (Buffalo, NY Championship). Jacob produced and directed *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* with Smithereen Productions in 2013.

Amber Smith (Jeannie) – Amber has performed at numerous theaters around Milwaukee over the past several years. Most recent credits include Carrie Ann in *Still Life*, Vicki in *The Full Monty*, Medea in *Medea*, Jolene in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, Toinette in *Imaginary Invalid* and Roxie Hart in *Chicago*. Up next for Amber is the role of Brooke in *Legally Blonde* at Greendale Community Theatre.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

Aquarius	Dionne, Tribe
Donna.....	Berger, Tribe
Hashish	Tribe
Sodomy	Woof, Tribe
Colored Spade.....	Hud, Tribe
Manchester	Claude, Tribe
I’m Black	Hud, Woof, Berger, Claude, Tribe
Ain’t Got No.....	Hud, Woof, Dionne, Tribe
Shelia Franklin	Tribe
I Believe in Love	Sheila, Trio
Ain’t Got No Grass.....	Tribe
Air	Jeanie, Dionne, Crissy
I Got Life	Claude, Tribe
Initials	Tribe
Going Down.....	Berger, Tribe
Hair.....	Claude, Berger, Tribe
My Conviction	Margaret Meade
Easy to Be Hard.....	Sheila
Don’t Put It Down	Woof, Berger, Shawn, Steve, DiMonte
Frank Mills.....	Crissy
Be In	Tribe
Where Do I Go	Claude, Tribe

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Act 2

Electric Blues.....	Zach, Matt, Bria, Stephanie
Oh Great God of Power.....	Tribe
Black Boys.....	Crissy, Jeanie, Gina, Hud, Shawn, DiMonte
White Boys.....	Dionne, Bria, Mara
Walking in Space.....	Tribe
Abie Baby.....	Mara, Hud, Shawn, DiMonte
Three-Five-Zero-Zero.....	Tribe
What a Piece of Work Is Man.....	Bria, Matt, Claude
How Dare They Try.....	Tribe
Good Morning Starshine.....	Sheila, Tribe
The Flesh Failures/Let the Sunshine.....	Tribe

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information can be found at <http://www.skylightmusictheatre.org/shows-events/on-stage/hair>

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Performances of *HAIR* will take place May 16th through June 8th in the Cabot Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward of Milwaukee. **Tickets are generally \$22.50-\$65.00 (plus tax)** and can be purchased in person at the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office or by calling (414) 291-7800 Monday – Sunday from noon – 6:00 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.skylightmusictheatre.org. Group, student, senior and other discounts may also be available. Ticket prices are subject to change.

- Fri. May 16th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 17th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 18th, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Wed. May 21st, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. May 22nd, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 23rd, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 24th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 25th, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Wed. May 28th, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Wed. May 28th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. May 29th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. May 30th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. May 31st, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. Jun 1st, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Sun. Jun 1st, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jun 4th, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Wed. Jun 4th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Thu. Jun 5th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Fri. Jun 6th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. Jun 7th, 2014 2:00 p.m.
- Sat. Jun 7th, 2014 7:30 p.m.
- Sun. Jun 8th, 2014 2:00 p.m.