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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
PRESENTS
FAME THE MUSICAL
NOVEMBER 21-DECEMBER 6, 2014
AT THE B. IDEN PAYNE THEATRE

The University of Texas at Austin Department of Theatre and Dance presents the pop-culture phenomenon *Fame The Musical*, directed by Jerry Ruiz, November 21-December 6, 2014 at the B. Iden Payne Theatre. Based on the Academy Award-winning film and hit television series, *Fame The Musical* is the unforgettable journey of a group of dedicated students with stars in their eyes. Be captivated as the story unfolds for these talented hopefuls studying at New York City's legendary High School for Performing Arts. Through their triumphs and tragedies, the ultimate goal remains – Fame.

“This production features an elemental, rock and roll approach that captures the energy and danger of New York City’s Times Square in the early 80s,” shares director Jerry Ruiz. “It’s a fast-paced show, exploring the truthfulness of the characters - young artists struggling to find themselves and to achieve dreams against all odds. There’s a great spirit to these characters, a kind of defiance and determination, and I think that’s why *Fame* has been such an enduring story over the past 30 years.”

Ruiz has developed work at Second Stage Theatre, Playwrights Horizons, Soho Rep, The Public, The Atlantic and Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Prior New York credits include *Enfrascada* by Tanya Saracho (Clubbed Thumb), *Basilica* by Mando Alvarado (Rattlestick

Playwrights Theater) and *Philip Goes Forth* (Mint Theater Company). He recently directed UT Austin's hit musical *In the Heights*, nominated for seven 2013-2014 B. Iden Payne Awards.

Fame The Musical features an all-star cast including: Connor Barr as Mr. Sheinkopf, Trey Curtis as Schlomo Metzenbaum, Stephen Dominguez as Tyrone Jackson, Dylan Gibson as Goodman 'Goody' King, Caroline Kinnamore as Serena Katz, Leslie Ann Leal as Carmen Diaz, Breanna Lind as Grace 'Lambchops' Lamb, Christopher Montalvo as Nick Piazza, Jessica O'Brien as Mabel Washington, Tori Robertson as Ms. Greta Bell, Cara Smith as Iris Kelly, Lilly Lane Stafford as Miss Esther Sherman, Max Torrez as Joe (José) Vegas, and Daniel West as Mr. Myers.

Ensemble members include: Toni Baker, Johnny Chatman II, Mandy Foster, Lily Amelie Hayes, Christian Henley, Rishi Iver, Nicholas Kao, Danielle LoPresti, Emily McIntyre, Devin Medley, Kevin Poole and Liza Wilk.

Direction by Jerry Ruiz • Technical Direction by Lawrence Bennett • Stage Management by Charlotte Campbell • Choreography by Natasha Davison • Lighting Design by Lauren Gallup • Sound Design by Billy Henry • Music Direction by Lyn Koenning • Scene Design by Michael Krauss • Integrated Media Design by Patrick Lord • Costume Design by Casey McCool

For more information on *Fame The Musical*, please visit www.JoinTheDrama.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

November 21-December 6, 2014 – The University of Texas at Austin Department of Theatre and Dance presents *Fame The Musical* at the B. Iden Payne Theatre (300 E. 23rd St.), located in the F. Loren Winship Drama Building. A map of the campus: texasperformingarts.org/visit/maps_directions. Performance times are November 21-22, December 3-6 at 7:30 p.m., and November 22-23, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets (\$25 adult, \$20 UT faculty & staff, \$15 student) are now on sale at authorized ticket outlets, which include the Bass Concert Hall Box Office, most H-E-B stores and all Texas Box Office outlets, online at www.JoinTheDrama.org, or by calling (512) 477-6060 or (800) 982-BEVO.

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Curated by Steven Dietz
Lab Theatre
December 3-7, 2014

Dance Repertory Theatre presents

MOVE!

Oscar G. Brockett Theatre

March 6-14, 2015

Enter a Woman, Pretty Enough

Premiere of a new play by Diana Lynn Small

Oscar G. Brockett Theatre

March 27-April 3, 2015

The Cohen New Works Festival

Presented by Broadway Bank

April 13-17, 2015

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