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ReVision Theatre Announces 5th Anniversary Summer Season

ASBURY PARK, NJ – ReVision Theatre announces the lineup for its 2012 Fifth Anniversary Summer Season, including two main-stage productions at ReVision’s new venue, The Theatre at St. George. The three-production season kicks off on Friday, July 6th at the Paramount Theatre at 8 p.m. with our Fifth Anniversary Retrospective Concert/Fundraiser, followed by *Pippin*, and for the first time in ReVision’s Asbury Park history, a drama, *Red*, both at The Theatre at St. George.

Bob Angelini, ReVision’s Artistic Director, will lead the Fifth Anniversary Season. “We are very excited to be back in Asbury Park this summer!” said Angelini. “Since we announced our new venue, the outpouring of good wishes by our loyal members and supporters has been overwhelming. We look forward to a great season of theatre and being a part of the New Jersey arts community for years to come.”

The 5th Anniversary Retrospective Concert/Fundraiser

Friday July 6, 8 p.m. Paramount Theatre

In the tradition of kicking off the season with a fun(d)raising benefit, ReVision will provide audiences with their favorite highlights from the past four years. The original Broadway productions of the shows we have produced garnered a total 82 awards and nominations. With that kind of pedigree, a fun evening is in store. The evening’s emcee will be Richard Skipper who starred as Carol Channing as Dolly Levi in ReVision’s inaugural Concert/Fundraiser *Hello Dolly*. We are very excited to have both ReVision veterans and Broadway performers including Ephie Aardema (*Hair*), Julia Arazi (*Hair*), Brett Colby (*Rocky Horror Show*), Bernard Dotson (*Xanadu*), Spiro Galiatsatos (*Hair*, *Spring Awakening*), Anita Welch (*Hair*) and Julia Whary (*A Christmas Survival Guide*) performing songs from *Hair*, *The Who’s Tommy*, *Spring Awakening* and other ReVision shows for a trip down Memory Lane. This annual fundraising event gives a jump start to each ReVision Season.

Pippin

Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, book by Roger O. Hirson & Bob Fosse
(uncredited)

July 26 – August 12 (14 performances)

Pippin was Stephen Schwartz' first Broadway musical. Prior to *Pippin*, Mr. Schwartz had written the song "Butterflies are Free" for the award-winning comedy, *Butterflies are Free*. Mr. Schwartz is currently represented on Broadway with *Wicked* and the revival of *Godspell*. *Pippin* opened on Broadway in 1972 and ran for 1,944 performances. It garnered 11 Tony nominations and had five wins including Tony Awards for Ben Vereen, Tony Walton, Jules Fisher and Bob Fosse (2). In addition to Mr. Vereen, the original cast included Broadway veteran John Rubinstein, recently seen on TV in recurring roles in "Desperate Housewives" and "Harry's Law", the award-winning actress Jill Clayburgh and Irene Ryan, the iconic Granny Clampett on "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Loosely based on the eldest son of Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne, the musical centers around a mysterious acting troupe, led by a Leading Player and tells the story of Pippin, a young prince searching for the meaning and significance of his life. Accompanying him on his journey, in addition to his overbearing father, are his doting grandmother, Berthe, devious but charming stepmother, Fastrada and the woman he loves Catherine. This classic piece of Broadway history from the creator of *Wicked* and *Godspell* will have all of the flavors of a high energy ReVision production.

Red

By John Logan

August 23 – September 9 (15 performances)

This gripping play about the abstract expressionist artist Mark Rothko was originally produced in London in December 2009 and transferred to Broadway in 2010. The Broadway production won six Tony awards including Best Play. This intense and exciting two-character bio-drama starred Alfred Molina and Eddie Redmayne (Broadway debut) and ran for 101 performances.

Set in a New York studio in the Bowery as the artist Rothko paints a series of murals for a lucrative commission at the Four Seasons in New York City, his assistant questions Rothko's theories of art and decision to accept such a commercial project. A world auction record was set for a work of contemporary art when Mark Rothko's "Orange, Red, Yellow" painted in 1961 recently sold for just under \$87 million.

Main Stage performances for *Pippin* and *Red* are Wednesday through Sunday; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m., Wednesday and Sunday at 7 p.m. Other exciting theatrical events, cabarets, readings and classes will be announced throughout the season. ReVision is back and better than ever!

Memberships, Concert tickets and discounted Season Subscriptions are on sale now. Tickets are available online 24/7 at www.revisiontheatre.tix.com and information is available online at www.revisiontheatre.org. Patrons can also purchase their tickets by visiting The Theatre at St. George located at 700 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ or calling the box office at 732-455-3059, Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 6:00 PM or anytime leading up to a performance.

ReVision Theatre is a professional regional theatre company dedicated to producing invigorating theatre with a fresh new perspective reaching the diverse community of Asbury Park, Monmouth County and beyond. ReVision Theatre produces reinventions of previously produced classics, overlooked or forgotten work in a new way, and new work with a fresh voice. ReVision Theatre now in its' fifth year, produces readings, workshops, cabarets, concerts, and mainstage productions.

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