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## ReVision Theatre Presents PIPPIN

Music and Lyrics by: **Stephen Schwartz** Book by: **Roger O. Hirson & Bob Fosse** (uncredited) Directed by: **Bob Angelini** Choreography by: **Mark Moreau** Musical Direction by: **Andrew Hertz** Casting by: **Erin Brautigan** 

Featuring: Brett Colby, Bernard Dotson, Spiro Galiatsatos, Spencer Kiely, Jeanne Montano, Katherine Pecevich, and Hannah Shankman

## Theatre at St. George 700 Grand Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712 July 26 – August 12

Revision Theatre presents a revival of Pippin starting July 26, 2012. See it now in Asbury Park, New Jersey - Not seen on Broadway since its five year run in the 1970's; a workshop production just announced at American Repertory Theater with buzz of Broadway producers closely watching.

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 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.

ReVision's cast features Broadway performers and ReVision Alumni. The production stars Spencer Kiely as Pippin who returns to ReVision Theatre after appearing in the 2011 production of *Spring Awakening* and Bernard Dotson (Broadway Highlights -*Finian's Rainbow, Chicago & Ragtime*) as the Leading Player. Mr. Dotson was seen in ReVision's 2011 productions of *Xanadu and Dreamgirls*. ReVision Alumni Brett Colby (*Rocky Horror Show*) will play King Charles; Spiro Galiatsatos (*Spring Awakening, Hair,* 



The Full Monty, and Dreamgirls) is cast as Lewis; Katherine Pecevich (Scrooge in Rouge & The Full Monty) is featured as Berthe and Hannah Shankman returns to play Catherine, having appeared in Revision's 2008 production of Hair. Making her ReVision debut as Fastrada is Asbury Park resident Jeanne Montano who has happily been performing in Forbidden Broadway in New York, across the country and overseas for the past six years.

Stephen Schwartz, the composer of *Pippin*, is currently represented on Broadway with the long-running hit *Wicked*. *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. In addition to Mr. Vereen, the original cast included Broadway veteran John Rubinstein, recently seen on TV in recurring roles on "Desperate Housewives" and "Harry's Law," the award-winning actress Jill Clayburgh, and Irene Ryan, the iconic Granny Clampett on "The Beverly Hillbillies." *Pippin* was Stephen Schwartz' first Broadway musical, who's other Broadway productions include *Godspell, The Magic Show, Rags,* and *Working*.

"ReVision Theatre's *Pippin* rises from the ashes of a burned-out, abandoned church and tries to answer the age old question, "What is the meaning of life?," said Bob Angelini, ReVision's artistic director. "Our inner church, our faith, is sometimes damaged by the fires of life's complexity. Pippin, like us, finds himself searching for his place in the world. He wants to rise from the rubble of the ordinary to the extraordinary life he deserves. Sometimes the "players" in our lives help us along. Sometimes they help the fire consume us. Will we every find out which role we will play? Will we ever find out where we belong? Come take part in Pippin's exciting, mystic journey, and find yourself along the way."

To order tickets visit <u>www.revisiontheatre.tix.com</u> or call the Box Office at 732-455-3059. Performances for Pippin are July 26 through August 12, Wednesday through Sunday at the Theatre at St. George 700 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park N.J.

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' 5th year, produces readings, workshops, cabarets, concerts, and mainstage productions. For more information about ReVision Theatre visit www.revisiontheatre.org.