



TOP GUN!

THE MUSICAL

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***Top Gun! The Musical* Flies Again in New York Invited to take part in inaugural New York Musical Theatre Festival**

(TORONTO)...Derrick Chua, Producer of *Top Gun! The Musical*, is thrilled to announce that the multiple Dora Award-nominated show (including for Outstanding New Musical) and still the most successful production in Toronto Fringe history, has been selected as part of the inaugural **New York Musical Theater Festival** (NYMF).

Taking place from September 13 to October 3, NYMF features new musicals by Stephen Schwartz, *Avenue Q*'s Marx and Lopez and *Chicago*'s Kander and Ebb; a movie musical screening series at AMC Times Square; a Musicals and Television series at NY's Museum of Television and Radio; the first Midtown Cabaret Festival (an off-shoot of the Midtown International Theatre Festival) and projects produced in partnership with ASCAP, BMI, the Duplex, MAC, the National Music Theatre Network, AMAS, the Dramatist's Guild, The American Theatre Wing, Raw Impressions, HERE, the Duplex, Ars Nova, Sh-k-boom Music, The Ensemble Studio Theatre, The A-Train Plays, Musical Mondays Theatre Lab, the TANK, the New Voices Collective and Prospect Theatre Company, among others, and shows and authors that have won awards such as the Global Search for New Musicals, International Festival of Musical Theatre, the NAMT Festival of New Musicals, the Pulitzer Prize (nomination), the Emmy, The Tony, The Lucille Lortel Award, the LA Drama Critics Circle and Theatre LA Ovation Awards, 2004 Daryl Roth First Look Award, the New Voices Prize, Canada's Dora Awards, Australia's Green Room Awards, Jonathon Larson, MAC and Richard Rodgers Awards.

Dedicated to discovering new works, new artists and creating new stars, NYMF will do for musical theatre what Sundance does for independent film: celebrate its diversity, creativity and future.

Top Gun! The Musical will be performed at The 47th Street Theatre, 304 West 47th Street just west of 8th Avenue, a 196-seat theatre right in the heart of New York's Theatre District. One of the largest venues of the NYMF, The 47th Street Theatre will also host the concert premiere's of Stephen Schwartz's (*Wicked*, *Pippin*) new musical *Captain Louie* and Kander & Ebb's (*Chicago*, *Cabaret*) new musical *Skin of Our Teeth*.

The schedule for *Top Gun! The Musical* is as follows: **Monday, Sept 27 at 8pm; Thursday, Sept 30 at 4:30pm; Friday, Oct 1 at 8pm; Saturday, Oct 2 at 4:30pm and 11pm; Sunday, Oct 3 at 1pm.** Tickets are priced at US\$15 - \$20 (passes available) and can be purchased at www.nymf.org or call in New York at 212-352-3101.

Top Gun! The Musical is written by **Denis McGrath** with music by **Scott White**. It is directed by **Colin Viebrock** and the NYMF production will feature most of the original Toronto cast, including **Dmitry Chepovetsky, David Collins, Steven Gallagher, Alison Lawrence** and **Racheal McCaig**. New cast members are **Sharon Heldt** and **Brett McCaig**. *Top Gun! The Musical* premiered at the 2002 Toronto Fringe Festival, had its US Premiere in November, 2002 at Theater Lab Houston and was remounted in Toronto at the Factory Theatre in June, 2003, leading to its Dora nominations for Outstanding New Musical and Outstanding Performance for Chepovetsky.

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