



TOP GUN!

THE MUSICAL

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***Top Gun! The Musical* Flies Again in New York**

(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 most successful production in Toronto Fringe history, has been selected as part of the inaugural **New York Musical Theater Festival** (NYMF), a juried selection process conducted by theater luminaries including director Scott Schwartz, Avenue Q producer Robyn Goodman, and 2004 Tony Award winning writers Jeff Marx and Bobby Lopez. The NYMF runs from September 13 to October 3, 2004.

Dedicated to discovering new works, new artists and creating new stars, NYMF will do for musical theatre what Sundance does for independent film: provide a time and place for the showcasing of new works and create an environment in which these works are fostered and encouraged. The NYMF will see eighteen new musicals premiering in five off-Broadway theatres (such as the Lambs, the 45th Street Theatre, Theatre Row, and others). Showcasing opportunities like these have borne musicals such as *Urinetown* and *Avenue Q*, and the NYMF will be offering audiences a first glimpse of next year's hits.

The vision for **NYMF** springs from the cultural community of New York City, and the advisory and support committee includes **Cameron Mackintosh, Nathan Lane, Michael Crawford, Emanuel Azenberg, John Lithgow, Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz, John Rando, Audra McDonald, Betty Buckley**, and many others. The inaugural NYMF will feature shows from London and Canada, Russia, Germany, Australia and Spain as well as new musicals by Broadway talents Stephen Schwartz and Jeff Marx and Bobby Lopez.

Specific dates and times for **Top Gun! The Musical** within the NYMF will be announced at a later date. Tickets are \$15 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**. **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.

TG!TM's Website (including press photos & bios): www.topgunthemusical.com

Up next from the creators of **Top Gun! The Musical** is **Sleepless: A New Musical** premiering **June 30, 2004** at the Toronto Fringe Festival, running until July 11. More info at www.fringetoronto.com or contact Derrick Chua at dchua@pathcom.com.