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## Press Release

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### **CRAZY FOR YOU** **Unquestionably the biggest Gershwin musical of all time**

**COLORADO SPRINGS** (April 8, 2010) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company presents the Tony Award-winning “Best Musical,” ***Crazy For You***, from May 7-30 at the SaGāJi Theatre.

With music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin and a book by Ken Ludwig (*Lend Me A Tenor*), this high-energy musical comedy is filled with mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers, and memorable tunes, including *I Got Rhythm*, *They Can't Take That Away from Me*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *Embraceable You*, and *Someone to Watch Over Me*. The story follows the adventures of a stage-struck New York City playboy, Bobby Child, set in a 1930s Nevada mining town. The Wild West has never seemed so wild as tap-dancing cowboys and beautiful Follies girls join forces to create show-biz magic.

*Crazy For You*, an adaptation of the 1930 Gershwin hit, *Girl Crazy*, played for 1,622 performances on Broadway and earned the Tony, Olivier and Helen Hayes Awards for Best Musical of the Year in 1992.

**“... A riotously entertaining show ...” – Frank Rich, The New York Times**

*Crazy For You* is directed by Tim Muldrew, the FAC’s Assistant Director of Performing Arts. This is his first directing project since moving to Colorado Springs in 2005 to become the Company Manager for the Colorado Festival of World Theatre. His past directing experience includes *The Weir*, *Six Degrees of Separation*, *Two By Two*, *Oklahoma*, *Bye! Bye! Birdie*, *You Should Be So Lucky*, and *Side Man*. Muldrew also worked as an Equity Stage Manager in Los Angeles on productions of *Oliver!*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Cinderella*, *Twice Upon A Time* (World Premiere) and the L.A. Ovation Award winning *Miss Saigon*.

“Audiences will go 'crazy' for *Crazy For You*,” said Muldrew. “I mean how could they not? It's got everything ... a hilarious fast-paced plot, dazzling tap numbers and one of the most brilliant scores ever. This Gershwin classic is a shining example of the BIG American Musical that the entire family will enjoy.”

**“A Great Broadway Musical! A show to take your kids to ...” – ABC TV**

The cast features seven actors making their FAC Theatre Company debuts and there are several notable cast members making a return to the SaGāJi stage, including Colorado Springs favorite, **Amy Sue Hardy**.

In her career, Hardy has toured with Britney Spears, Mandy Moore, and Christina Aguilera and appeared in numerous movies and television shows. In 2006, the Denver Post nominated her for Best Actress in a Musical in the FACTC production of *Pirates of Penzance*. Her portrayal of Roxie Hart in *Chicago* at the FAC earned her *The Gazette's* Best Performance in a Musical Award.

Denver-born Broadway veteran **Michael E. Gold** also returns. Gold played Harold Hill in the FACTC production of *The Music Man* last spring. He appeared on Broadway as Roster in *Annie* opposite Nell Carter and John Schuck. He was in the National touring companies of *Annie* (with Sally Struthers) and *Oklahoma!* (with John Davidson & Jamie Farr). Local audiences may remember him from his performance as the emcee in Arvada Center's 2007 production of *La Cage aux Folies*, which earned him a Henry Award for "Outstanding Actor in a Musical" and a *Denver Post* Ovation Award for "Best Actor, Musical."

Former FAC Director of Performing Arts, **Sandy Womochil Bray** returns to the FAC stage where she directed the Denver Post Ovation Award winning musical *Pirates of Penzance*. She is currently a Creative Dramatics instructor at The Colorado Springs School. Longtime FAC choreographer **Mary Ripper Baker** will be on stage performing – after a five-year break – adapting the original Broadway choreography of Susan Stroman.

Actors **Matt Newton, Jesse Iacovetto,** and **Miriam Roth Ballard** round out the principal roles. The actors making their FACTC debut are **Felicia Black, Vania Falen, Colin Gregory, Tracy Hedding, Jeremy Hotrop, Hannah Palmer** and **Thomas Voss**.

The creative team includes **Roberta Jacyshyn** (*Music Director*), **Mary Ripper Baker** (*Choreographer*), **Tom Hansen** (*Scenic Designer*), **Leslie S. Aldridge** (*Costume Coordinator*), **Holly Anne Rawls** (*Lighting Design*), **Breton Parks Christopherson** (*Sound Design*), and **April Felchner** (*Properties Master*). The production stage manager is **Brantley Scott Haines**.

#### **Tickets and Show Times**

Thursday	7:30 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$31 non-members
Friday/Saturday	8:00 p.m.	\$30 FAC members; \$35 non-members
Sunday	2:00 p.m.	\$26 FAC members; \$31 non-members

#### ***Crazy for You* will feature discounted Family Matinees! May 15, 22, 29**

Saturday	2:00 p.m.	\$23 FAC member adults; \$25 non-member adults
		\$18 FAC member children; \$20 non-member children

#### **Pre-Theatre Dining at Café 36 ... call 719.477.4377 for reservations.**

For more information, visit us at [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org) or call the FAC Box Office at **719.634.5583**.

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