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SWEENEY TODD The Demon Barber of Fleet Street visits the Fine Arts Center

COLORADO SPRINGS (Dec. 24, 2009) – The Fine Arts Center Theatre Company presents Stephen Sondheim’s eight-time Tony Award-winning musical comedy thriller, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, Jan. 22 – Feb. 14, at the SaGāJi Theatre.

This suspenseful, heart-pounding masterpiece of murderous “barber-ism” and culinary crime tells the infamous tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the judge who framed him. His thirst for blood soon takes its toll on his unfortunate customers, and the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs has the people of London lining up in droves for her mysterious new meat pie recipe!

Sweeney Todd – with music and lyrics by Sondheim; book by Hugh Wheeler – has a great sense of fun, mixing intense drama with howlingly funny moments of dark humor: audiences find themselves laughing hysterically one moment and gasping in surprise the next.

“There is more artistic energy, creative personality and plan excitement than in a dozen average musicals.”

– *The New York Times*

Sweeney Todd is directed by **Alan Osburn**, the Producing Artistic Director of the FAC Theatre Company. Osburn has worked as a producer, director, teacher, and actor for over 30 years. At the FAC, he directed *Anything Goes*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *Biloxi Blues*, *The Full Monty* and *Into the Woods*, which was nominated for nine Ovation Awards in 2007 by the *Denver Post*, including Best Musical and Best Director.

Osburn will also star in the role of Sweeney Todd, his first appearance on the SaGāJi Theatre since the 2005 FAC production of *She Loves Me*. In addition to his other acting credits he was seen as Inspector Javert on Broadway and the National Touring Companies of *Les Misérables*.

“The staff, cast, and crew are so excited about doing this show that there is a buzz that began last April,” said Osburn. “This energy will definitely be transmitted into every detail of the production. It’s not every day you get to do a show that won the Tony Award for: Best Musical, Best Score, Best Book, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Set, ... the list goes on and on. It will be something very, very special.”

The Cast:

Mrs. Lovett	Eryn Carmen	Mrs. Potts in <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>
Tobias	Sammy Gleason	<i>Beauty and the Beast, A Christmas Survival Guide</i>
Anthony	Marco Robinson	<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues, and Broadway Bound</i>
Johanna	Ericka Gasper	Ghost of Christmas Past in <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Judge Turpin	Thaddeus Valdez	Tito Morelli in <i>Lend Me A Tenor*</i> (2009 Denver Post Ovation Award nominee)
Beggar Woman	Sally Lewis Hybl	Marion Paroo in <i>The Music Man</i> , Cinderella in <i>Into the Woods</i>
Beadle	Skip Cockran	Mendel in Upstart Theatre's <i>Falsettos</i>
Pirelli	Ken Robinson	Malcolm in <i>The Full Monty</i>

A 12-member ensemble includes Natalie Jensen and Brantley Scott Haines (the leads from *Beauty and the Beast*), Cory Moosman (Dave Bukatinsky in *The Full Monty*), Aimee Carlisle, Jenn Lennon, Kathleen Malloy, Armour Ratcliffe, Carmen Vreeman, Jonathan Herrera, Jesse Iacovetto, Joe Kinnett, and Patrick Yukman.

“One of the most highly anticipated and certainly the most ambitious musicals of this year’s theatre season ... ”

– *The Gazette*

The creative team includes Musical Director **Roberta Jacyshyn**, **Christopher L. Sheley** (*Scenic Designer*), **Nicole Harrison** (*Costume Design*), **Holly Anne Rawls** (*Lighting Design*), **Breton Parks Christopherson** (*Sound Design*), **Diana Ben Kiki** (*Wigs*), **Mary Ripper Baker** (*Dance and Movement*) and **Jessica Rose** (*Properties Master*). The production stage manager is **Dorothy Heedt**.

This production contains graphic violence, adult situations, profanity, and is not suitable for those under the age of 17 or for anyone who is easily offended.

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

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