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Park City's historic
Egyptian Theatre
Plan-B Theatre Company's
award-winning production of
"GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL!" returns

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The second production in the Egyptian Theatre's **Musicals on Main Series** will be Plan-B Theatre Company's award-winning presentation of GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL!

After more than 3 years of requests to do the show again in Utah, characters Bud and Doug have agreed to bring their wacky, side-splitting musical back to the stage this summer. After a long run in Salt Lake City in 2007, the show hopes to attract new fans in Park City with a three weekend run in early June.

Jerry Rapier, (Producing Director, Plan-B Theatre Company and Director of the show) explained how GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! came to Utah and Plan-B Theatre Company to begin with.

"I was snowed in for an extra week while in New York in February of 2007 and was doing what I do while I'm in the city - overdosing on theatre. I went to see a ridiculous, ridiculous show off-Broadway called GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! At intermission I realized I had laughed nonstop through the first act. That had never happened to me before - a true light-bulb moment. So I started making phone calls during intermission, without even seeing the second act, to see about bringing the show to Plan-B. Ultimately, we ran the show for 7 weeks at the end of 2007 in Salt Lake City."

The show's demeanor is 'Musical-Spoof'. It is a farcical story about a pair of aspiring playwrights who perform a backers audition for their new project: a not-so-great musical about printing press inventor Johann Gutenberg. Sort of.

With an unending supply of enthusiasm, Bud and Doug sing all the songs and play all the parts in their crass historical epic, with the hope that a Broadway producer is in the audience and will sign them to a Broadway contract, fulfilling their ill-advised dreams!

Though it's only a 2-man show, audiences shouldn't expect limited action on stage. Actor Kirt Bateman, who plays Doug, describes the show as, "90 minutes of pure silly-but-not-stupid, good-natured humor, and root-for-the-good-guy FUN!"

And his counterpart, Jay Perry (who plays Bud) agrees, "GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL! is a two-man show with many characters. It's pretty fast-paced and it's very physical. So it takes a combination of ice-cold, delicious, life-saving water; lozenges; more water; a few Hail Mary's; and a solid dose of adrenaline to get through it. Honestly it goes by so fast and at such a pace that before you know it the show's over and you're standing in a pool of sweat. Anyway, with Kirt Bateman on stage with me I couldn't stand still if I tried."

The Plan-B Theatre Company production at the Egyptian Theatre will differ only slightly from their 2007 award-winning rendition of the musical, which was presented at the Rose Wagner, Plan-B Theatre's home base.

"One major difference is our musical director/pianist. We have an AMAZING new addition to the production team with Sean Sekino, who is talented beyond his years, the kindest artist you'll meet, an incredible pianist and musical director. In GUTENBERG, the pianist is onstage with us and is part of the show...I'm so excited to see what new things Sean sparks in Jay and me." explained Kirt Bateman.

"Another significant change is that director, Jerry Rapier, and choreographer, Colleen Lewis, have told us that we are going to restage one musical number that didn't quite work in 2007. That's exciting-to be able to visit the little moments that didn't quite "land" in 2007", he added.

Written by Scott Brown & Anthony King
Featuring Kirt Bateman & Jay Perry
Musically Directed by Sean Sekino
Choreographed by Colleen Lewis
Designed by Jerry Rapier & Randy Rasmussen
Stage Managed by Jennifer Freed
Directed by Jerry Rapier

Plan-B's 2007 production was named:

Best Local Theatre Production - City Weekly
Best Comedy - Deseret News
Best Play - Q Salt Lake

Musicals on Main at the Egyptian is a collaboration between the Egyptian Theatre and two area professional theatre companies, Plan-B Theatre Company and Dark Horse Company Theatre. The partnership allows the Egyptian Theatre to diversify its calendar of productions while still presenting long-run professional theatre to patrons during the year.

Tickets are on sale now through the Egyptian Theatre Box Office at 435-649-9371
or online at www.parkcityshows.com.

Shows: Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays- June3-19, 2011.

Showtimes: Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 6pm.

Tickets (fee's included): \$18 for Reserved Seating, Cabaret-table Seats for \$25.

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