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The Hub Theatre Announces Summer Nights Cabaret to Celebrate Their Residency at The John Swayze Theater!

Hub Theatre is thrilled to take up residency at the John Swayze Theatre, located in The New School of Northern Virginia. To celebrate The Hub's new home, they will present a cabaret for three nights this coming July. The John Swayze Theater is a relatively new space that is two levels in height, and comfortably outfitted with a house size of 60.

"We could not be happier with the partnership that has been established with The New School of Northern Virginia. John Potter is a champion of the arts and has been a dream to work with. The theater space has so many possibilities with its height and levels. At the same time it has an intimacy that will serve the kinds of stories that The Hub likes to tell. During our first two years there has been no bigger worry than finding a performance venue. We have yet to consecutively produce in the same space. Having the stability of a known space, especially one as lovely as this, will allow The Hub to concentrate fully on producing high quality theatre for Fairfax County." says Helen Pafumi, Hub's Artistic Director.

The New School is a private school in Fairfax, about 5 minutes from the Vienna metro and was founded in 1989 by its current headmaster, John Potter. It has an enrollment of approximately 150 students in grades 4-12.

"It's not every day that a great high school theater company gets to share its theater space with a great professional theater company. Methinks the best kind of sparks will fly! What a learning opportunity for my student actors! I look forward to working with Helen, an artist for whom I have the greatest respect." Says John Potter, The New Schools Founder and Headmaster.

To kick off their residency The Hub will stage **Summer Nights**, a cabaret featuring **Donna Migliaccio, Gia Mora, and Erin Driscoll.** **Jason Lott** will emcee. These three incredible songstresses will treat Hub audiences to an evening of summer favorites from musical theatre, pop and standards. The Summer Nights Cabaret will be fun for the whole family.

The cabaret will be directed **by Abigail Isaac**, a director from Northern Virginia. Most recently, she directed *As You Like It* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's touring companies. She co-directed *Dancing at Lughnasa* with Keegan Theatre and directed *Love's Labour's Lost* with Promethean Theatre Company in NYC. Abigail has extensive assistant directing experience with The Studio Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theater and The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. She graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina, with degrees in theatre and economics. She is a welcome addition to The Hub's family.

Along with the Cabaret, The Hub will also have an open house on Saturday, July 17 from 11-3. The open house will feature live music, face painting, delicious food,

children's storytelling and more. The Hub will sell subscriptions to Season 3 and have information on its upcoming events.

ABOUT THE HUB

Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Helen Pafumi, and Co-Founders Maggie Ulmer and Marey Oakes**, and with the aid of Company Administrator Penny Rasnake The Hub Theatre is a non-profit professional theater company dedicated to producing dynamic plays, musicals, and developing new work. Although The Hub Theatre is only entering its third season, it has successfully launched it's family theatre series, as well as a staged reading series in partnership with The Greater Reston Arts Center, and commissioned and publicly read multiple developmental works. The Hub strives to employ the finest talent from the DC metro area to bring to life its current and future productions. The Hub Theatre recently was awarded grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and The Arts Council of Fairfax. The Hub is a member of Helen Hayes and the Arts Council of Fairfax.

For photos go to http://www.thehubtheatre.org/media_downloads.htm (Link for press only: please do not publish).

DATES & TIMES:

Summer Nights Cabaret

July 16, 17 & 18

Fridays & Saturday at 8 PM, Sunday at 2PM

Hub Open House

Saturday - July 17, 2010 from 11 AM to 3 PM

LOCATIONS:

John Swayze Theatre

The New School of Northern Virginia

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