



Media Release - For Immediate Release – July 23, 2010 **RENT – Live Onstage at Theatre Aquarius**

Hamilton, ON, July 23, 2010 – The award winning Broadway sensation, **RENT** (Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson, Musical Arrangements - Steve Skinner , Original Concept/Additional Lyrics - Billy Aronson, Music Supervision and Additional Arrangements - Tim Weil, Dramaturge - Lynn Thomson) , comes to life at Theatre Aquarius this summer. as the Theatre Aquarius Performing Arts Summer Programme Senior Students present this contemporary classic musical!



RENT is a rock musical with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson based on Giacomo Puccini's opera *La bohème*. It tells a story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

Off-Broadway, **RENT** won a Pulitzer Prize, and the production was a hit. On Broadway, **RENT** gained critical acclaim and won a Tony Award for Best Musical among other awards. The Broadway production closed after a 12-year run, making it the eighth-longest-running Broadway show by that time. The success of the show led to several national tours and numerous foreign productions, and in 2005, it was also adapted into a motion picture that features most of the original cast members.

Lou Zamprogna directs this contemporary classic musical starring the Theatre Aquarius Performing Arts Summer Programme Senior Students. **RENT** contains mature content – viewer discretion is advised.

RENT will run from August 12-22,2010. Tickets may be ordered on line at www.theatreaquarius.org, by calling the box office at 905.522.7529 (toll free 1.800.465.7529), or in person at the Dofasco Centre for the Arts, 190 King William Street, Hamilton. For group sales, contact groupsales@theatreaquarius.org.

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RENT was originally produced in New York by New York Theatre Workshop and on Broadway by Jeffrey Seller, Kevin McCollum, Allan S. Gordon and New York Theatre Workshop.

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