

PRESS RELEASE

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THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE SUMMER MUSICAL *POP!* EXTENDED FURTHER! MUST CLOSE AUGUST 28.

“Magical! Riveting! A Rousing Evening!” —*The Washington Post*

POP!

books and lyrics by **Maggie-Kate Coleman**, music by **Anna K. Jacobs**
direction by **Keith Alan Baker, Hunter Styles, and Jennifer Harris**
music direction by **Christopher Youstra**
choreography by **Helanius Wilkins**
starring **Tom Story**
in Stage 4
extended further: Must close August 28, 2011

In the tradition of summer musicals *Passing Strange*, *Reefer Madness: The Musical!*, and *Jerry Springer: The Opera*, Studio 2ndStage is once again extending the run of its murder-mystery extravaganza *POP!* due to popular demand.

Called “marvelous” (*Washington Blade*), “hysterical” (*Brightest Young Things*), and “shamelessly profane” (*DC Theatre Scene*), *POP!* is set in Andy Warhol’s pop-art factory in 1968. The fabulous drag queen Candy Darling hosts a happening whodunit in which the famous—and infamous—denizens of Warhol’s legendary Factory all have motives to pull the trigger. But the pop art icon unravels an even bigger mystery as he confronts not only the prime suspects, but also his art and his own greatest creation: himself. In this wildly interactive staging, *POP!* explores just how dangerous (and fun) fame can be.

Peter Marks of *The Washington Post* calls the production “intriguing, bold, and inventive,” praising it as “more than easy and fun. It becomes significant.” This adrenaline-driven spectacle must close August 28.

MORE PRAISE FOR *POP!*

“You must see this Studio [2ndStage] masterpiece.” —*Brightest Young Things*

“Spectacular! Fun to watch!” —*The Washingtonian*

“Sensational! Dazzles!” — *The Examiner*

“*POP!* is spell-binding.” —*DC Theatre Scene*

“There’s a happening on 14th St!” — *The Washington Blade*

“4 stars!” —*Maryland Theatre Guide*

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The 2010-2011 Season of The Studio 2ndStage is generously underwritten by Don and Nancy Bliss and A. Fenner Milton. This production of POP! is underwritten by The Meredith Foundation.

POP! INFORMATION

Where: Stage 4

Dates: July 13–August 28, 2011

Performances: Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30pm, Sunday: 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$38-43

Starring: Tom Story as Andy Warhol.

Featuring: MaryLee Adams (Edie Sedgwick), Matthew Delorenzo (Candy Darling), Deborah Lubega (Viva), Sean Maurice Lynch (Ondine), Luke Tudball (Gerard Malanga), and Rachel Zampelli (Valerie Solanas).

With: Danielle Davis, Dan Mori, Jorge Portillo, Danae Truhart, Rob Watts, and Victor Maldonado.

Directors and Designers: Keith Alan Baker (Director), Hunter Styles (Co-Director), Jennifer Harris (Co-Director), Christopher Youstra (Music Director), Helanius Wilkins (Choreographer), Giorgos Tsappas (Set/Props Designer), Colin K. Bills (Lighting Designer), Erik Trester (Video/Projections Designer), Ivania Stack (Costume Designer), and Aaron Fisher (Sound /Live Mix Designer).

THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE INFORMATION:

Under the leadership of Keith Alan Baker, The Studio 2ndStage creates edgy, extreme and electrifying productions that complement The Studio Theatre's season, all presented in its flexible raw space, Stage 4. *The Washington Post* stated that 2ndStage "has long been a playground for...directors and actors (and, naturally, some of its riskier experiments)" and that a "convention-defying approach informs many 2ndStage offerings."

DISCOUNTS

Student, senior citizen (62+) and military discount: \$5 off (except Saturday evenings).

Student Rush: \$19 tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating available basis (except Saturday evenings).

Groups: Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267 for parties of 10 or more.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accessibility: All performances are fully accessible to accommodate patrons with special needs. FM listening assistive system available. Accessible seats available by reservation. Call to request sign-interpreted performances; two week notice is required. Call the Box Office at 202-332-3300 or V/TTY 202-667-8436.

Location: 1501 14th Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

Parking: Please call the Box Office for parking information.

Metro Stops: Red Line: Dupont Circle, Orange/Blue Lines: McPherson Square, and Green/Yellow Line: U Street/Cardozo.

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