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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Texas Wesleyan theatre department to present Stephen Sondheim musical
Assassins with performances beginning Oct. 2**

FORT WORTH, Sept. 18 –The Department of Theatre at Texas Wesleyan University proudly presents the musical *Assassins*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by John Weidman.

The show will be presented in the Thad Smotherman Theatre in the Law Sone Fine Arts Center located on the Texas Wesleyan campus at the corner of Binkley and Avenue E.

Performances will be Oct. 2-4 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. *Assassins* explores the history of America through the actions of its villains. Director Jeanne Everton says, "With dark humor and a decidedly skewed view of history, the musical examines the plight of disenfranchised Americans struggling to be recognized as valuable members of our society."

According to musical director Jeff Walter, "The score of *Assassins* conspires to enchant the performers and audience members with the context of musical Americanisms.

Sound icons are employed throughout the piece as a means of indicting us all as members of a more stylistically diverse and richly historied community."

Assassins is based on an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr. and was originally produced off-

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Broadway by Broadway by Playwrights Horizons, Inc.

Reservations for *Assassins* can be made by calling the box office at 817-531-4211 beginning Sept. 23. Box-office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 1:30-5 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. Ticket prices for the Sunday matinee are all \$5.

ASSASSINS Fact Sheet

Music and Lyrics by:..... Stephen Sondheim
Book by: John Weidman
Based on an idea by: Charles Gilbert, Jr.

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Stage DirectorJeanne Everton
Musical Director Jeff Walter
Producer.....Connie Whitt-Lambert
Assistant Director..... Jessica Roberts
Assistant Musical Director..... Alex Vorse
Technical Director..... Judd Vermillion
Stage Manager..... Angela Brown
Assistant Stage Manager..... Sarah Martino
Choreographer..... Angie Talbert
Set & Lighting Designer Wayne Lambert
Costume DesignerJeanne Everton
Wardrobe Mistress..... Brynn Bristol
Sequence Keyboarding.....Susan Ishii
Sequencing Consultant.....Lou Carfa
Fire Arms Consultant.....Quentin McGown
Stunt Coordinator.....David Boswell

CAST:

Sarah Jane Moore Emily Cherry, Sr., Mesquite Poteet (Mesquite) '99
John Wilkes Booth..... Greg Beck, Sr., Arlington Heights (Fort Worth)
Balladeer Alex Vorse, Sr., Kennedale HS (Kennedale) '99
Emma GoldmanJessica Roberts, Sr., Mesquite Poteet (Mesquite) '00
Lee Harvey OswaldAdam Martin, Jr., Martin (Arl.) '01
Bystanders, Announcer, etc. ... Justin Flowers, Sr., Weatherford HS (Weatherford) '97
Rhealyn McMillan, Jr., Martin (Arl.) '01
Eric Medlock, Sr., Kennedale HS (Kennedale) '00
Jād B. Saxton, Jr., Coppell HS (Coppell) '98
Proprietor, Candie Sampson, Jr., Mansfield HS (Mansfield) '01
Leon Czolgos, Casey McMahan, Jr., Sam Houston (Arl.) '01
John Hinckley, Nicholas Deel, Sr., Nimitz HS (Irving) '00
Charles Guiteau, Darren Brett, Sr., Arlington HS (Arl.) '94

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Giuseppe Zangara, Patrick James, Soph., Martin (Arl.) '02
Samuel Byck, David Nail, Grand Prairie (GP) '94
Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, Marla Kelly, Soph., Grand Prairie (GP) '02

LOCATION:

The Thad Smotherman Theatre inside the Law Sone Fine Arts Center
Corner of Binkley and Avenue E

PRODUCTION SCHEDULE:

Thursday-Saturday, October 2-4, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.

BOX OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday-Friday, September 23-26, 1:30-5 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday, September 30-October 3, 1:30-5 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2-5 p.m.
817.531.4211

TICKET PRICES:

\$10
\$ 5 students
\$ 5 all matinee tickets

ASSASSINS produced through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

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