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**Texas Wesleyan University's Department of Theater celebrates 50 years
of productions with *Grease: an American favorite***

FORT WORTH, March 22 – Texas Wesleyan University's Department of Theater presents Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's *Grease* on April 1-3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thad Smotherman Theatre, located inside the Law Sone Fine Arts Building on the Wesleyan campus. A matinee performance will be on April 4 at 2 p.m.

Wesleyan's production of *Grease* marks the 50th annual musical for Theatre Wesleyan. Its first musical production, *Finian's Rainbow*, dates back to the early 1950's. Wesleyan's theatre department is the only theatre in the Metroplex with such a history of annual musical productions.

The Broadway musical, *Grease*, gained tremendous popularity when it debuted at the movie box office in 1978, earning more than \$340 million in sales. Since then, it has become a favorite among generations of Americans for its catchy tunes and the sense of nostalgia it brings to the audience.

Tickets for Wesleyan's production of *Grease* are \$12 for general admission and \$8

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for students. Tickets go on sale March 23 at 1:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the Wesleyan box office at (817) 531-4211.

The student cast members in the Wesleyan production are: Chris Adams as Roger, Natalie Berry as Cha-Cha, Darren Brett as Sonny, Angela Brown as an ensemble member, Michelle Cahill as an ensemble member, Joshua R. Cox as Johnny Casino, Marci Cutbush as an ensemble member, Chuck Jackson as Eugene, Jennifer Jackson as a greasette, Patrick James as Doody, Lindsay Jones as an ensemble member, Marla Kelly as Jan, Angela Krahula as Patty Simcox, Adam Martin as Kenickie, Sarah Martino as a greasette, Casey McMahan as Danny Zuko, Rhealyn McMillan as Sandy Dumbrowski, Jessica Roberts as Rizzo, Candie Sampson as Frenchy, Jad B. Saxton as a greasette, Brian I. Torres as an ensemble member, Krystal Vaughn as Marty and Alex Vorse as Teen Idol. Also appearing in the production are two Wesleyan alumni, Quentin McGown as Vince and Gina Phillips as Miss Lynch.

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