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NEW AMERICAN THEATER ANNOUNCES ITS 2010/2011 SEASON OF MUSICALS

St. Petersburg, Fla. – New American Theater (NAT) begins their inaugural season this October with performances of the Broadway classic ‘Pump Boys and Dinettes.’ The season will include four musical productions in a variety of styles, including the Tony® Award winning “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.’ Performances will be held in the Hough Concert Hall at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg, FL.

The 2010/2011 New American Theater Season of Musicals features: Pump Boys and Dinettes: October 1 – 3 & 7 - 10, 2010

Conceived and written by John Foley, Mark Hardwick, Debra Monk, Cass Morgan, John Schimmel and Jim Wann.

The pump boys sell high octane fuel on North Carolina’s Highway 57 and the sassy dinettes, Prudie and Rhett Cupp, run the Double Cupp diner next door. Between changing tires and baking pies, the gang performs a rousing, down-home mix of country western, rock ‘n’ roll, and blues in this charming tale of friendship, romance and life’s simple pleasures.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline: February 4 – 6 & 10 - 13, 2011

Created by Dean Regan

Relive the unforgettable passion and glamour of Country Music’s greatest songstress in this stirring tribute to a musical legend. Featuring 21 unforgettable songs, including *Crazy*, *Sweet Dreams* and *Walkin’ After Midnight*. A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline recreates the look, the sound, the magic, and the music that made her the first lady of Country.

Songs for a New World: April 13 - 17, 2011

Music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

It's all about the music in this gorgeous song cycle from Jason Robert Brown, one of the rising voices of the musical theater. Each song transports us through different stories, humorous and moving, of our American identity and experience - our community and isolation, our desire for the immaterial in a material world, and the moments of decision that define our journey. With a magic that only great music can provide, these Songs sweep us away into the moments we stand our ground, break our silence, make a bargain and find our way home.

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee: June 16 – 19 & 23 - 26, 2011

Music and lyrics by William Finn, book by Rachel Sheinkin

F-A-N-T-A-S-T-I-C! - That's the only way to spell this smash-hit musical comedy! The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is the story of how six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. This hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicles the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The show's Tony Award-winning creative team has created the unlikeliest of heroes: a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a roller coaster of music and fun.

Additional information can be found on the New American Theater website at www.newamericantheater.org

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