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**SIGNATURE THEATRE EXTENDS RUN OF ASSASSINS THROUGH JULY 23 DUE TO DEMAND FOR TICKETS!**

- **First five weeks and all Saturdays sold out**
- **One week added to run prior to opening**

Arlington, VA — Following last night’s first preview, Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer announced a one-week extension of *Assassins* by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman, the 2004 Tony® Award-winning show (Best Revival, Musical) that gives new meaning to the phrase “killer musical.” The show is already sold out through July 2 plus all Saturday performances. Due to the high volume of advance sales, the extension week was added prior to the show’s opening. ***Assassins* will now play through July 23, 2006**, at Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington, VA 22206. **Tickets for the newly added extension week go on sale June 1** through Tickets.com (800) 955-5566 and online at [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org).

*Assassins* provides a darkly-comic, captivating look at the lives, loves, and lunacy of nine infamous American assassins — from John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald to John Hinckley Jr. — who attempted, successfully or not, to take the lives of American Presidents. One of the most innovative musicals in years, Sondheim’s score ranges from folk to ragtime to big Broadway ballads. Bold, gripping, and provocative, *Assassins* proves that “Everybody’s Got a Right” to their dreams.

Signature Theatre is nationally recognized as one of the leading producers of musical theatre in America. From Signature’s break-out hit production of *Sweeney Todd* in 1991 (Helen Hayes Award, Outstanding Musical) to last season’s intimate version of *Pacific Overtures* (Helen Hayes nomination, Outstanding Musical), critics and audiences rave about Signature’s definitive Stephen Sondheim productions. *Assassins* marks Signature’s fifteenth Sondheim production in the Theatre’s 17-year history, and the final in the converted garage space on South Four Mile Run Drive. In October, Signature’s staff moves into a new \$12.5 million two-theater complex that will open to audiences in January with a production of Sondheim’s *Into the Woods*.

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**ASSASSINS**

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Book by John Weidman

Directed by Joe Calarco

**CAST**

<b>Billy Moore</b>	Ethan Ableman or Bradley Bowers (alternating performances)
<b>Samuel Byck</b>	Andy Brownstein
<b>John Hinckley</b>	Matt Conner
<b>Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme</b>	Erin Driscoll
<b>Charles Guiteau</b>	Mika Duncan
<b>Emma Goldman</b>	Kathryn Fuller
<b>John Wilkes Booth</b>	Will Gartshore
<b>Giuseppe Zangara</b>	Peter Joshua
<b>Sara Jane Moore</b>	Donna Migliaccio
<b>Leon Czolgosz</b>	Tally Sessions
<b>The Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald</b>	Stephen Gregory Smith
<b>The Proprietor</b>	Steve Tipton
<b>Ensemble</b>	Doug Bowles, Priscilla Cuellar, Daniel Felton, Kathryn Fuller, Diego Prieto

**DESIGN AND DIRECTION**

<b>Director</b>	Joe Calarco	<b>Lighting Designer</b>	Chris Lee
<b>Music Director</b>	Jon Kalbfleisch	<b>Sound Designer</b>	Tony Angelini
<b>Choreographer</b>	Karma Camp	<b>Stage Manager</b>	Kerry Epstein
<b>Set Designer</b>	James Kronzer	<b>Asst Stage Manager</b>	Taryn J. Colberg
<b>Costume Designer</b>	Anne Kennedy		

**SCHEDULE****May 30 - July 23, 2006****Press Date:** Sunday, June 4

**Show Times:** Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. **NOTE:** No show Tuesday, July 4. Special July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend performance Monday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. **Extension week on sale June 1:** July 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m.; July 20, 21 & 22 at 8:00 p.m.; and July 23 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**TICKETS**

Tickets are **\$31 to \$55** and are available by calling **Tickets.com (800) 955-5566** or online at **www.signature-theatre.org**. Discounts available for students, seniors (60+), military and groups of ten or more.

**SIGNATURE THEATRE**

Signature Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre dedicated to producing contemporary plays and musicals and to the development of new work. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> season under Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, Signature has been nominated for 209 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in the professional theatre and has been honored with 50 Helen Hayes Awards, including Outstanding Musical in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2005, 2006 and Outstanding Play in 1999. Signature Theatre is a member of the Theatre Communications Group, The League of Washington Theatres, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the Arlington Arts Alliance, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

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