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Conestoga High School Presents *Titanic The Musical*, February 29 – March 3 2012

Berwyn, PA (January 31, 2012) Conestoga High School's Stoga Theatre will present the Tony Award winning production *Titanic The Musical*, February 29-March 3. Director Nicole Gerenyi joins Musical Director Suzanne Dickinger to lead a cast of over fifty 9-12 grade students in the Maury Yeston musical which won the Tony for Best Musical in 1997.

The discovery of the wreckage of the *RMS Titanic* in 1985 attracted Yeston's interest in writing a musical about the famous disaster. Drawing him to the project were positive aspects of what the ship represented including the dreams of the all the passengers on board: 3rd class passengers who dreamed for a better life, 2nd class passengers to live a more leisure lifestyle, and for 1st class passengers, the chance to maintain their privileged lifestyles.

While the play encompasses a myriad of passengers, Gerenyi, the director, explains how this ensemble cast is well represented by the 50 students in the production, "We really wanted to focus on a great ensemble show that would challenge us; and one where everyone onstage would gain experience. The music is phenomenal, the set fantastic, and it is based on a fascinating nautical event that has a huge anniversary this year. I think we are all developing a fascination with the Titanic and the myth that surrounds this event in our history. The cast is very supportive of each other, passionate, and ready to work on creating a breathtaking show."

Gerenyi adds highlights of the show will include "a large cast that features some amazing vocalists with magnetic stage presences, a fantastic set and stage crew, excited make-up and costume crew, and experienced pit of musicians. This is beautiful show and I can't wait to see how our audiences will receive it!"

Evening performances of Stoga Theatre's production of *Titanic The Musical* are at 7:30 pm on February 29 – March 3, with a matinee on March 3 at 2pm. Tickets are \$12-15 and include discounts for students and seniors. Group sales are also available. For tickets and information go to Stoga Theatre's website, www.StogaTheatre.com or call 610-240-1022.

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