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**Dancap Productions Announces Casting
for the Canadian Premiere of
THE TOXIC AVENGER MUSICAL**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Book & Lyrics by Joe DiPietro

Music & Lyrics by David Bryan

Based on Lloyd Kaufman's "The Toxic Avenger"

OPENING HALLOWEEN NIGHT 2009

The Music Hall, Toronto

Toronto (September 1, 2009) – Dancap Productions Inc. is tickled green to announce the complete cast of the Canadian premiere of **THE TOXIC AVENGER MUSICAL**, opening Halloween night at The Music Hall. **THE TOXIC AVENGER** is an eco-monster musical comedy based on the 1984 Lloyd Kaufman classic cult film of the same name. Directed by Tony Award®-winner **John Rando**, **THE TOXIC AVENGER** stars Dora Award-winner **Louise Pitre**, **Brittany Gray**, **Daren A. Herbert**, **Jamie McKnight** and **Evan Smith**.

A Dancap discovery, **Evan Smith** will perform the role of **Melvin Ferd the Third**, a bullied weakling turned fast and fierce hero. A recent graduate of the George Brown Theatre School, Evan's credits include Tony in *West Side Story*, Marius in *Les Misérables*, and Younger Brother in *Ragtime*.

Louise Pitre, Canada's first lady of musical theatre, will play the dual-role of **Mayor Babs Belgoody**, the evil Mayor of Tromaville, and **Ma Ferd**, mother of Melvin Ferd the Third.

Fresh off the stage of *We Will Rock You*, **Brittany Gray** is ready to tear hearts out as **Sarah**, the sexy blind librarian. Brittany, a working professional since her debut in the film *Chicago* at the age of 15, can also be seen in the upcoming film *Amelia* starring Hilary Swank and Richard Gere.

Jamie McKnight teams up with **Daren A. Herbert** to perform 26 different roles between the two. Jamie, who is no stranger to campy musicals (*Aladdin the Magical Family Musical*, *Snow White and the Group of Seven*), returns to his roots after touring with vocal group The

Canadian Tenors throughout 2008. Vancouver's **Daren A. Herbert** makes his Toronto stage premiere in **THE TOXIC AVENGER**.

"We are so pleased to present this extraordinary homegrown cast for the Canadian premiere of *The Toxic Avenger*," remarked Dancap Productions President Aubrey Dan. "When we held auditions, we were overwhelmed by the number of artists who turned out, and the breadth of their expertise. It made it very easy to cast only the best actors for the roles and stay true to our commitment of showcasing Canada's world class talent."

Melvin Ferd the Third wants to clean up Tromaville, the most polluted town in New Jersey (just off Exit 13B on the Turnpike). Foiled by the on-the-take mayor's bullies, Melvin is dumped into a vat of radioactive toxic waste, only to reemerge as **THE TOXIC AVENGER**, New Jersey's first superhero.

THE TOXIC AVENGER features book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro (*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change; Memphis, All Shook Up; Over the River and Through the Woods*) and music and lyrics by David Bryan (*Memphis*, keyboardist and founding member of Bon Jovi).

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The Music Hall, 147 Danforth Avenue (at Broadview Avenue)

Featuring **Brittany Gray, Daren A. Herbert, Jamie McKnight,
Evan Smith and Louise Pitre**

Performances run Tuesday - Friday @ 8pm, Saturday @ 4pm & 8pm, Sunday @ 3pm & 7pm

Tickets range from \$15 - \$64 for preview performances and \$20 - \$69 for regular performances and can be purchased in person at the box office of The Music Hall, by calling 416.644.3665 (toll free 1.866.950.7469) or online at www.ToxicAvengerToronto.com

Tickets On Sale NOW!
for performances from October 20, 2009 to January 3, 2010
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