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## MEDIA RELEASE

### ALL SINGING! ALL DANCING! ALL GERSHWIN! TONY AWARD WINNING ROMANTIC MUSICAL COMEDY *CRAZY FOR YOU* OPENS AT THE CITADEL THEATRE

March 2, 2017

(EDMONTON)

Singing, dancing, romance, comedy, AND Gershwin classics – who could ask for anything more? *Crazy for You*® *The New Gershwin*® Musical tap dances its way onto the Citadel's Shoctor Theatre stage March 4, 2017. With a knock-out cast, gorgeous 1930s costumes and hit musical numbers, *Crazy for You* will delight die-hard musical fans, comedy lovers, and anyone looking for a great night of entertainment.

When Bobby, a wannabe leading man and reluctant New York banker, ends up in Deadrock, Nevada with a troupe of chorus-girl friends from the Zangler Follies, he meets Polly, a strong-willed beauty and her laconic cowboy pals. Mayhem ensues – complete with mistaken identities, love-at-first-sight, and a show!

This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary *Crazy for You*. The original production opened on Broadway February 19, 1992, at New York's Shubert Theatre, and ran for an impressive 1,622 shows. Winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *Crazy for You* revitalized the popularity of musicals in North America. The score, composed entirely by legendary composers George and Ira Gershwin, includes classics such as *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *Embraceable You*, and the unforgettable *I Got Rhythm*.

Internationally acclaimed playwright Ken Ludwig wrote the book, which was inspired by the 1930s Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. He is the author of more than 22 plays and musicals, including *Lend Me a Tenor* and *An American in Paris*. With choreography by Broadway legend Susan Stroman, the show's extravagant dancing, sumptuous costumes and memorable music cemented its place in musical theatre history.

**Dayna Tekatch**, who has several Citadel credits, including *Evangeline*, *Avenue Q*, *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *The Penelopiad*, directs and choreographs. The talented cast features Citadel favourites: **Andrew MacDonald-Smith** (*Mary Poppins*, *One Man, Two Guvnors*, *Avenue Q*), **Ayrin Mackie** (*West Side Story*), **Rachel Bowron** (*Avenue Q*), **Jesse Gervais** (*Alice Through the Looking-Glass*, *One Man, Two Guvnors*, *A Christmas Carol*), **Susan Gilmour** (*Spamalot*, *Mary Poppins*, *Sound of Music*, *Little Women*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*), and **John Ulyatt** (*One Man, Two Guvnors*, *Make Mine Love*, *Spamalot*, *Private Lives*, *The Rocky Horror Show*).

***Crazy for You* opens March 4 and runs until March 26, 2017. A coproduction with Theatre Calgary, the show will run in Calgary from April 18 to May 20, 2017.**

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## **Cast**

### **People of New York**

ANDREW MACDONALD-SMITH	Bobby Child
RACHEL BOWRON	Irene Roth
SUSAN GILMOUR	Lottie Child
JOHN ULLYATT	Bela Zangler
NADYA CORSCADDEN	Evelyn
ELIZABETH GREER	Rose
KELSEY LACOMBE	Patsy
MAKAYLA MOORE	Tess
ALISON ROBERTS	Betsy
SARAH VANCE	Mitzi/Dance Captain

### **People of Deadrock**

AYRIN MACKIE	Polly Baker
LARRY HERBERT	Everett Baker
JESSE GERVAIS	Lank Hawkins
JONATHAN CULLEN	Pete
SHELDON ELTER	Moose
ALEX KELLY	Billy
WILL LAMOND	Mingo
GREGORY PEMBER	Junior
ANDREW TAYLOR	Jimmy
CHRISTOPHER WILSON	Perkins/Custus
ELIZABETH STEPKOWSKI-TARHAN	Patricia Fodor
BLAIR YOUNG	Eugene Fodor

## **Creative Team**

Director & Choreographer	DAYNA TEKATCH
Music Director	DON HORSBURGH
Set & Costume Designer	CORY SINCENNES
Assistant Director	FARREN TIMOTEO
Fight Director & Associate Choreographer	JONATHAN PURVIS
Lighting Designer	GERALD KING
Associate Lighting Designer	APRIL VICZKO
Sound Designer	PETER McBOYLE
Associate Sound Designer	MICHAEL LAIRD
Stage Manager	EVAN R. KLASSEN
Assistant Stage Manager	EMMA BRAGER
Assistant Stage Manager	AL GADOWSKY

NOTICE OF MEDIA CALL:

A media call is currently scheduled for **1 p.m., March 7**, in the **Shoctor Theatre**. A short selected scene will be performed three times so that videographers can obtain footage of the show.

Members of the cast and creative team will be available for interviews.

To RSVP your attendance at the Media Call or for more information, contact:

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