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BUBBLY JUKEBOX MUSICAL *THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES* SETTLES IN AT STAGES FOR AN EXTENDED RUN

Songfest highlights irresistible harmonies in a cotton candy-colored celebration of 1950s-60s hits

HOUSTON, TX – Building on the record-breaking success of its long-running musical hits like *The Andrews Brothers*, *Always...Patsy Cline*, and *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, Stages now expands its summer musical tradition with an extended run of Roger Bean's hit 1950s-60s girl group musical *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, playing July 14 – October 17 in Stages' Arena Theater. Called "one irresistible musical...an utter charm" by *The New York Times* and "tremendously fun...a delightfully good time" by *Variety*, the show has enjoyed highly successful runs in New York and Los Angeles. For Stages, Melissa Rain Anderson (*Five Course Love*) directs Houston musical veteran Holland Vavra Peters (*The Andrews Brothers*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*) alongside Rachael Logue (*Grey Gardens*), Chelsea McCurdy (*Panto Sleeping Beauty*, *Panto Cinderella*) and Christina Stroup (*Panto Sleeping Beauty*) to recreate the irresistible 1950s-60s girl group sound. Tickets start at \$19, with special deals available for all July performances.

"This show is pure delight and joy, completely in the spirit of Stages' now-beloved summer musical tradition," Stages Producing Artistic Director Kenn McLaughlin said. "These amazing voices and harmonies are absolutely spellbinding and these girls are completely irresistible. It's impossible not to smile as you watch and listen to them!"

The Marvelous Wonderettes is a cotton-candy-colored, non-stop pop musical blast from the past that follows four girls from their high school prom to their 10-year reunion. At the 1958 Springfield High School prom we meet the Wonderettes—Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts, and voices to match! As we learn about their lives and loves, the girls perform classic hits such as *Lollipop*, *Dream Lover*, *Stupid Cupid*, *Lipstick on Your Collar*, *It's My Party*, *It's in His Kiss* (*The Shoop Shoop Song*) and many more!

Characterized by courage, generosity, ingenuity, and intimacy, Stages Repertory Theatre advances theatre and enlivens culture by producing new work, interpreting established work in new ways, and nurturing talent for the performing arts field. In addition to its MainStage season of plays, Stages presents the EarlyStages series, introducing young audiences to the power and magic of live theatre. Stages also offers a range of additional education and outreach programs that encourage conversation about important ideas and issues, provide insight into other cultures and viewpoints, and help develop each new generation of citizens, artists and audiences. Now entering its 32nd season, Stages is a member of the Fresh Arts Coalition and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theatres. Stages operates under an agreement with Actor's Equity Association (AEA), the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States.

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MAINSTAGE: THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES

By Roger Bean

Regional Premiere

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DIRECTOR: Melissa Rain Anderson

CAST:
Holland Vavra Peters
Rachael Logue
Chelsea McCurdy
Christina Stroup

PRODUCTION: Scenic Design **Kevin Holden**
Lighting Design **Frank Vela**
Costume Design **Tiffani Fuller**
Sound Design **Michael Mullins**
Production Stage Manager **Krissy Larson**

DATES: Previews: Wednesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 15, 2010
Opening: Friday, July 16, 2010
Close: Sunday, October 17, 2010

TIMES: Wednesday and Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 3:00 p.m.

TICKETS: Regular tickets start at \$19
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Tickets available online at www.stagestheatre.com