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The Springfield Municipal Opera to present “Hairspray”

Springfield, IL – July 14, 2011 – The Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) will continue its 2011 season with *Hairspray* sponsored by McGladrey. The Muni will present *Hairspray* July 22-24 and July 27-31, 2011 at its outdoor amphitheater located at 815 East Lake Drive in Springfield.

Hairspray tells the story of Tracy Turnblad, a large girl with big hair and a kind heart, who has only one passion--to dance. She wins a spot on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show," and is quickly transformed into a teen celebrity. She then successfully sets out to vanquish the program's reigning princess, win the heart of the super handsome Link Larkin, and racially integrate the television show.

“We are so excited to be one of the first local productions of *Hairspray*,” said *Hairspray* director, Craig Williams. “Our talented cast brings local life to your favorite huge-haired characters. This show offers a feel-good story and high-energy music that will have you singing and dancing all the way to your car.” Following *Hairspray*, the 2011 Muni season will conclude with its production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

About The Muni

The Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) is a not-for-profit theatrical organization that has become a Springfield tradition, providing the best of Broadway to enthusiastic audiences for more than 50 years. Entertaining 40,000+ each year at its lakeside, outdoor amphitheater, The Muni is one of the largest all-volunteer community theatre organizations in the nation. For more information on The Muni, please visit www.TheMuni.org.

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