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Pericles: Prince of Tires

Jobsite Theater's punk rock musical tours to New York City

Tampa, Fla. – Jobsite Theater, the resident theater company of the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, is bringing back their production of *Pericles: Prince of Tires* for a week of encore performances, April 7-11, in the Shimberg Playhouse, before traveling to New York City's HERE Arts Center for an April 15-17 engagement.

Pericles: Prince of Tires is a comic rock mob musical based on William Shakespeare's *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*. Joe Popp (*dogs on ice*, *The Hornrims*) has paired his power-punk music and oddball sense of humor with the estimable talents of perennial Jobsite wordsmiths Neil Gobioff and Shawn Paonessa (*The Curse of Milhaven*, *The March of the Kitefliers*) to create a "Sex Pistols-meets-Sopranos" good time.

This telling of *Pericles* has been shifted in time and space to modern era United States. Perry, "Prince of Tires," gets caught up in a web of intrigue, incest and the mafia as he tries to balance having a family while also running a "family." His sometimes hilarious and sometimes poignant exploits take him through New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts, while he dodges mob hits, lecherous carnies, multiple storms at sea and the loss of his wife and daughter. As his epic journey ends, he learns that saving both his biological family and his mafia family are rooted in truly understanding the value of loyalty, honor and love. *Pericles* contains adult language and subject matter and is intended for mature audiences only.

Jobsite's *Pericles* features Joe Popp as the narrator John Gower, Stephen Ray as Perry, Ami Sallee Corley as his love interest Talia, Katie Castonguay as their daughter Marina, plus an ensemble that includes Jason Vaughan Evans, Amy Gray, Spencer Meyers and Chris Perez. *Pericles* is directed by Jobsite Producing Artistic Director David M. Jenkins and features designs by Katrina Stevenson (costumes) and Brian Smallheer (sets and lights).

Pericles runs April 7-11 in Tampa at the Straz Center. Performances are scheduled Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Regularly priced tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside Tampa Bay, in person at the Straz Center Ticket Office or online at www.strazcenter.org.

Pericles runs April 15-17 in New York City at the HERE Arts Center. Performances are scheduled Thursday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m. All tickets are priced at \$15 and may be purchased at the HERE box office (145 6th Avenue - between Spring and Broome, enter on Dominick), by calling 212.352.3101 or at www.here.org.

For more information about *Pericles*, visit www.JobsiteTheater.org.

This production is being presented in New York through HERE's Supported Artist Program, which provides artists with subsidized space and equipment, as well as technical and administrative support.

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