

## NEWS FROM PENUMBRA THEATRE

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### EXTENDED RUN—14 SHOWS ADDED!

*Ain't Misbehavin'*

*The Fats Waller Musical Show*

**Stride Piano, Harlem Renaissance, America's Greatest Jazz**

October 2, 2006; St. Paul, MN: Penumbra Theatre Company, the nation's preeminent African American theatre, announces the addition of 14 additional performances of *Ain't Misbehavin--The Fats Waller Musical Show* due to popular demand and a sold out run.

**The extension runs October 25 through November 5, 2006.**

**14 additional performance times are:** Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Fridays at 8:00 p.m.  
Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.  
Sundays at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Patdro Harris and the musical direction of Sanford Moore, Penumbra's *Ain't Misbehavin'* sizzles with knock out performance from an all star cast that includes **Aimee K. Bryant, Thomasina Petrus, T. Mychael Rambo, Xavier Rice, Dennis Spears, Jevetta Steele and Austene Van.** Audiences and critics alike hail this as a must see! Local critics rave that "the gifted quintet of *misbehavin'* singers delights with style, sass and suggestive sauce," and that *Ain't Misbehavin'* "begins the theatre's 30<sup>th</sup> season with a bang."

This musical revue honors and celebrates the historic age of rent parties, the Lindy Hop and The Charleston, bootleggers, stride piano, and the infamous jazz legend, Thomas "Fats" Waller. During this era, it was Fats Waller and His Rhythm (the name of his band) that ushered in a new approach to jazz piano called "stride," and who made history in 1942 when he became the first jazz soloist to play Carnegie Hall. *Ain't Misbehavin'* pays tribute to his legacy and music, and includes the ever popular songs: "The Jitterbug Waltz," "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter," "'T' Ain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do," "Honeysuckle Rose," "Find Out What They Like," "Your Feets Too Big."

*Penumbra's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season presented by Target and Star Tribune*

## QUICK REFERENCE

- Production:** *Ain't Misbehavin' The Fats Waller Musical Show*  
Conceived and Originally Directed by Richard Maltby, Jr.
- Producer:** Lou Bellamy and Penumbra Theatre Company
- Show Sponsor:** RBC Dain Rauscher
- Director &  
Choreographer:** Patdro Harris
- Musical Direction  
& Pianist:** Sanford Moore
- Ensemble:** Aimee Bryant, Thomasina Petrus, T. Mychael Rambo,  
Xavier Rice, Dennis Spears, Jevetta Steele, Austene Van
- Design Team:** Lance Brockman (Scene Design)  
Mark Dougherty (Light Design)  
Martin Gwinup (Sound Design)  
Reggie Ray (Costume Design)
- Dates:** Now through November 5,, 2006
- Performances:** Wednesdays 10:00am and 7:30pm  
Thursdays 7:30pm  
Fridays 8:00pm  
Saturdays 8:00pm  
Sundays 2:00pm and 7:30pm
- Tickets:** 651-224-3180 or penumbratheatre.org
- Price:** \$15 - \$30
- Theatre Location:** 270 North Kent Street  
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