


HIPPODROME THEATRE

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THE HIPPODROME TAKES YOU BACK TO THE 1950'S WITH THE NOSTALGIC COMEDY "OVER THE TAVERN"

Gainesville, FL - The Hippodrome Theatre proudly presents OVER THE TAVERN by Tom Dudzick from February 22-March 18, 2012.

This spring, the Hippodrome takes you back to 1959. A time when "Some Like it Hot" was at the movies, "The Ed Sullivan Show" was a weekly family event, and Barbie made her debut. **OVER THE TAVERN** is a comedy with one spunky kid, two mischievous brothers, a twinkie-hoarding sister, a weary mother, an overbearing father, a ruler-cracking nun, a pinch of catechism, a dash of drama... and lots of love and laughs! **OVER THE TAVERN** stars Paxton Sanchez (a Westwood Middle School 8th grader) as Rudy - a precocious kid who attends Catholic school and lives in a cramped apartment over the tavern run by his father. Rudy's life is smooth sailing until he gets on the wrong side of Sister Clarissa, the ruler-cracking nun, who finally decides to pay a visit to Rudy's parents to set the record straight. Don't miss **OVER THE TAVERN** - the perfect show for anyone who's ever had a family - or survived one!

"A hilarious and touching depiction of 1959 Americana. Absolutely enchanting. A little bit of heaven!" --Richard Christiansen, *Chicago Tribune*

Under the direction of Artistic Director Lauren Caldwell, the Hippodrome's production features Hippodrome company members Sara Morsey, Nichole Hamilton, Cameron Francis and Filipe Valle Costa and introducing Taylor Badri. Special welcome to middle school students Whitney Humphrey (PK Yonge) and Paxton Sanchez (Westwood Middle School) as they join the professional cast in this Hippodrome Mainstage production. Set design by Kent Barrett; Costume design by Marilyn A. Wall; Lighting design by Robert P. Robins, Sound design by Risa J. Baxter, Properties design by Katie Duffin, stage managed by Tara Kromer.

OVER THE TAVERN opens February 24, 2012 with reduced price (\$15) previews February 22 & 23, with 8 shows a week. Showtimes are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm, Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 5pm & 8:30pm, Sundays at 2pm & 7pm.

Tickets are available at the Hippodrome Box Office (352) 375-HIPP and online at www.thehipp.org.

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About the Hippodrome Theatre The Hippodrome Theatre is the only professional theatre in the North Central Florida region, occupying the historic Federal Building located in the cultural heart of the city, historic downtown Gainesville. Now in its 39th season, the Hippodrome's productions and programs attract over 200,000 patrons annually, including 30,000 visitors from outside of Alachua County who stay in local hotels, patronize local businesses and participate in other area events. The theatre, which is open for public performances 340 days a year, attracts as many as 1,000 people to the downtown area each day. The Hipp provides the most extensive cultural programming in the region with 8 plays, 300 film screenings, 10 festivals, 16 Guest Artists Talkbacks, 12 visual arts exhibitions and hundreds of other programs annually. Our annual budget of \$2.7 million dollars has an \$8.1 million economic impact on the local economy. Since our humble beginning, we have served over 4.5 million arts lovers with our productions and programs.

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