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**Monterey Peninsula College Theatre Company and
Carmel High School Theatre Arts Department to open**

**'GREASE'
April 7 – 17, 2011
Tickets on sale now**

Monterey, CA – MPC's 2011 "Takin' it on the Road" season continues with GREASE™, America's original "high school musical." Presented in association with the Carmel High School Theatre Arts program, this will be the perfect inaugural theatre production (and the 1st musical CHS has done in 20 years) for their new Performing Arts Center. Seating is limited, with only eight performances, Apr 7 – 17 (Thurs – Fri – Sat 7:30 PM & Sunday at 2:00 PM). Tickets are on sale at the MPC Theatre Company box office (646-4213) and online at <https://www.TicketGuys.com/mpc>

America's original "high school musical" comes a rockin' and rollin' back to the Monterey Peninsula in our production of GREASE™. The Greasers (led by heartthrob Danny Zuko) and their gals ("The Pink Ladies" led by Betty Rizzo) get "all shook up" with the arrival of the "new girl in town" – Sandy Dumbrowski. Revvin' up "Greased Lightning" they all "Go Together" and start "Shakin' at the High School Hop" until Danny finally realizes that Sandy is "The One That I Want." With great songs – all with a drivin' beat that'll bring you back to the wonderful world of 50's Rock and Roll – Grease will be a musical that you'll want to see again and again.

America's favorite teen couple is portrayed by Lana Richards in the role of the sweet and loveable Sandy, and Chris Marcos in the role of Danny the rebellious "bad boy" or Rydell High. Also appearing in this production are Matt Pardue as "Kenickie," Dominik Haws as "Eugene," Erika Lygren as "Patty Simcox," Linda Dale as "Miss Lynch," Nico Abiera as "Sonny," Brenda Gonzalez as "Marty," Ethan McDaniel as "Roger," Carissa Redfield as "Frenchy," Camilla de la Llata as "Rizzo", Roxanne Cheysson as "Jan," Tyler Winick as "Doody", and Dale Thompson as "Teen Angel."

MPC Theatre Alum John Radley appears as DJ "Vince Fontaine." John is best remembered as Long John Silver in two separate MPC Storybook Theatre productions.

GREASE™ originated in Chicago and made its premiere at The Kingston Mines Theater in 1971 before making its New York premiere off-Broadway at the Eden Theatre on February 14, 1972. After 128 sold-out performances, the show made the transition to Broadway taking up residence at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 7, 1972. GREASE™ was nominated for seven Tony Awards in its spectacular initial run. On November 21, 1972, the show moved to the Royale Theatre before making its final transfer on January 20, 1980 to the Majestic Theatre. It closed as the longest running show in Broadway history after playing 3,388 performances.

In 1978, GREASE™ became a hugely popular feature film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in the lead roles. A Broadway revival opened on May 11, 1994 at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre where it played 1,503 performances and won three Tony Award nominations. The new Broadway production of GREASE™ opened on August 19, 2007 and was nominated for a 2008 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

The film version of GREASE™ produced one of the best-selling soundtracks in history and is the highest-grossing movie musical of all time. The two Travolta/Newton-John duets, "You're The One That I Want" and "Summer Nights" were both #1 hits. The song "Hopelessly Devoted to You" was nominated for an Academy Award (1979) for Best Music - Original Song and the film's title song, "Grease," was a #1 smash hit single for singer Frankie Valli. GREASE™ features book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

Directed by Gary Bolen & Michael Jacobs, with Musical Director Brian Handley and Vocal Director Sean Boulware, and Choreographed by Susan Cable. GREASE™ features scenic design by MPC Technical Director Dan Beck and Scenic Artist Carey Crocket. Costume design by Gloria C. Mattos-Hughes, lighting design by D. Thomas Beck, Sound Design by David Rigmaiden, and Stage Management by Ana Warner.

Performance Schedule

Thr., Apr. 7th – 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 8th - 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 9th - 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 10th – 2:00 p.m.

Thr., Apr. 14th - 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 15th - 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 16th - 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 17h - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for **GREASE** are priced from \$10 - \$20, with Young Adult (16-25), Active Military and Group discounts available. **GREASE** is recommended for theatergoers 6 years and over. For tickets, visit www.mpctheatre.com, call the MPC Box Office at 831-646-4213, or visit the Box Office in person on the MPC Campus, Wednesday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 7: 00 PM.

All performances will take place at the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, 3600 Highway One at Ocean Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923

About The MPC Theatre Company's 2011 Season

Our 2011 Season opened with **FUNNY GIRL, the CONCERT** on the Morgan Stock Stage; and continues with **GREASE** at the brand new Carmel High School Performing Arts Center, **ONCE UPON A MATTRESS** at the Outdoor Forest Theatre, and **COMEDY OF ERRORS** at the Carmel High School Performing Arts Center.

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