



# Media Advisory

## **STAGES ST. LOUIS Stars Featured on New NBC Reality TV Show**

*Derek Keeling and Juliana Ashley Hansen appear on "Grease – You're The One That I Want"*

### **What:**

Derek Keeling, who starred as Danny Zuko in the STAGES ST. LOUIS 2006 production of *Grease*, and Juliana Ashley Hansen, who starred as Ariel Moore in the 2005 production of *Footloose*, appear as contestants in the new American-Idol style NBC reality show.

The two stars have made it past the first round of open auditions and are among the final 50 contestants vying for the roles of Danny and Sandy for the new \$10 million Broadway revival of *Grease* that will open in June 2007. The next round of auditions will feature the participants in "Grease Academy", a Broadway boot camp meant to test their singing, dancing and acting skills. Only 12 actors will "graduate" from "Grease Academy" and participate in 12 weeks of live shows on NBC where the viewing audience will vote each week to keep them as part of the competition.

### **Who:**

Derek Keeling, a native of West Virginia, currently lives in New York City and made his debut in *Grease* at STAGES ST. LOUIS in 2006 in the role of Danny Zuko. He attended Mars Hill College where he studied musical theatre and holds a BA from the University of Kentucky where he studied theatre and opera. Derek has also toured nationally as Danny Zuko in *Grease* with Frankie Avalon.

Juliana Ashley Hansen made her debut at STAGES in the role of Ariel Moore in the Kevin Kline Award Winning production of *Footloose*. She was previously a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Tour of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, where she performed the title role several times. She was recently honored with the LA Music Center's Spotlight Award as Musical Theatre Vocalist of the Year.

**When:** The show airs Sunday nights at 8/7 c on NBC

Publicity photos available upon request.

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