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STAGES ST. LOUIS PRESENTS THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

(St. Louis, MO) – Stages St. Louis will open its 2008 season with *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at The Robert G. Reim Theater in Kirkwood from May 30 – June 29.

Race into the roaring twenties with Millie Dillmount, who encounters frisky flappers, dashing leading men, and a dragon-lady of a villainess that audiences will love to hate. Follow this small town girl on a modern quest through Manhattan to find and marry her wealthy boss – whoever he may be. *Millie* had its Broadway premiere at the Marquis Theater in 2002. It ran for 903 performances, won 6 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and catapulted unknown ensemble member Sutton Foster into the role of Broadway starlet and leading lady.

Adapted from the 1967 movie starring Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore, *Millie* features book by Dick Scanlan and Richard Morris, music by Jeanine Tesori, and lyrics by Dick Scanlan. Appearing in the cast are Mamie Parris as Millie Dillmount, Ben Nordstrom as Jimmy Smith, Kari Ely as Mrs. Meers, Pamela Brumley as Miss Dorothy Brown, Graham Rowat as Mr. Trevor Graydon, and Thursday Farrar as Muzzy Van Hossmere.

Direction and musical staging are by Michael Hamilton, with choreography by Dana Lewis and musical direction by Lisa Campbell Albert. Completing the artistic team are scenic designer Mark Halpin, costume designer Lou Bird, lighting designer Matthew McCarthy, and orchestral designer Stuart M. Elmore.

Thoroughly Modern Millie will run for a total of five weeks. Week one performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 8 p.m. The week two schedule is Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Weeks three, four and five will have additional performances on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Week five will also have an additional Sunday night performance at 7:30 p.m.

Millie is sponsored by Edward Jones, Brown Shoe, Judy & Jerry Kent, Lynne & Jim Turley, and Betty & Dan Viehmann. The 2008 Season is made possible with the support of the Regional Arts Commission. Financial Assistance has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and Stages is also funded in part by the Arts & Education Council.

Stages performs in the intimate, 384-seat Robert G. Reim Theater at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road, 63122. The 2008 season will also feature *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (July 18 – August 17), Disney's *The Jungle Book* (August 6 – 17), and *The Music Man* (September 5 – October 5). Tickets are \$46.00, with numerous special single ticket and subscription rates available. For more information and to purchase tickets call 314-821-2407 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

The recipient of the 2008 Excellence in Arts Award from the Arts & Education Council and 8 Kevin Kline Awards, including Best Musical, in 2008, Stages St. Louis was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theater. The mission of Stages is to become the leading company for musical theater performance and education in the Midwest.

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