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“Crazy For You” announced at Helen Hocker Theater

The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce the fall adult musical production of 2011, ***Crazy For You***

Auditions were held September 13 & 14, and the cast, made up of talented area adults, includes Jared Caudle, Secily Rees, Bruce Smith, Jeni Thomas, Dan Heinz, Jim Tuchscherer, Rick Bixler, Erika Shirrell, Karen Bartlett, Tommy Guffey, Alex Krumins, Charlie Stock, Stephanie Schuttera, Isiah Smith, Ashley Cook, Krista Pojman & Samantha Conley. The show will be directed by Jo Huseman, with musical direction by Nancy Epoch, choreography by Sally Glassman & stage management by Bev Johnston.

Ken Ludwig's 1992 adaptation of George and Ira Gershwin's 1930 musical comedy “Girl Crazy”, is the story of Bobby Child, the son of a prominent East Coast banker. Though he'd rather be a song-and-dance man, Bobby is forced to enter the family business -- and his first assignment is to foreclose on the Gaiety Theater in Deadrock, But when he falls in love with Polly Baker (Stacey Logan), daughter of the Gaiety's owner (Larry Linville), Bobby dedicates himself to saving the theater. And how does any self-respecting musical comedy hero accomplish this task? By staging a fabulous show, naturally, with Bobby himself in the lead. This high energy comedy, a mere peg upon which to hang some of the Gershwins' best-loved songs, includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music, including “I Got Rhythm”, “Bidin' My Time,” “They Can't Take That Away From Me”, “Someone To Watch Over Me”, and “Embraceable You.”

Performances dates for this musical will be November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 8pm, and November 6, 13 & 20 at 2:30pm. Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for youth 12 & under, and will go on sale October 17 at 9am at the Helen Hocker Theater office in Gage Park.

For further information, call Helen Hocker Theater at 368-0191, 9-5, M-F, or go to our web page at www.topeka.org/parksrec/hocker.shtml.

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The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is an organization dedicated to enriching the cultural growth of our community. Quality family entertainment, positive learning experiences in a friendly atmosphere, an outlet for artistic expression for youth and adults, all are found in the Theater's year-round programming. Family and youth musical dramas and comedies are offered, along with music and dance events, performing arts classes and workshops. The primary goals of the Theater are to provide exciting and enjoyable challenges for our participants and quality in all our endeavors for our patrons. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please call the Theater box office for more information.