

PRESS RELEASE

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THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE IS THRILLED TO PRESENT JEZ BUTTERWORTH'S *MOJO*!

"The language, blunt and coarse and often hilarious, pours out of the characters with the force of the blaring jukebox rock that forms a leitmotif for the dark, violent action." – *Chicago Tribune*

MOJO

by **Jez Butterworth**

directed by **Christopher Gallu**

featuring **Daniel Eichner** and **Scot McKenzie**

with **Matt Dewberry**, **Danny Gavigan**, **Dylan Myers**, and **Logan DalBello**

Opening December 1, 2010

In Stage 4

Underground rock 'n' roll meets the London underworld in this fierce, hip comedy where music, revenge and deadly hilarity play out at heart-pounding speed. *Mojo* will be directed by **Christopher Gallu**, who has directed productions for The Studio 2ndStage, including the world premiere of *TempOdyssey* as well as numerous productions throughout the Washington DC-area.

It's 1958 in the Soho district of London and rock 'n' roll is on the rise. Silver Johnny is an up-and-coming teen idol whose manager, Ezra, is trying to protect him from the advances of a local gangster. Unfortunately, Ezra has just been found sawn in half in two separate garbage cans. Set in the amphetamine-fueled, gangster-operated underbelly of the nascent London rock scene, *Mojo* follows a motley crew of wannabe bigshots angling for money and power while yearning for connection.

Jez Butterworth is one of the most important and exciting English dramatists writing for theatre today. His first play, *I Believe in Love*, was produced in 1992, but Butterworth's notoriety as a playwright skyrocketed in 1995 with his hit comedy *Mojo*, earning him the Laurence Olivier, Evening Standard, and George Devine Awards for outstanding new play. In the wake of the play's success, Butterworth wrote and directed a film adaptation of *Mojo*, released in 1997. His other plays include *Huge*, *The Winterling*, *The Night Heron*, *Parlour Song*, and *Jerusalem* (which took London by storm this past year when it played at The Royal Court and on the West End).

Daniel Eichner (Baby) has appeared in numerous productions throughout Washington DC. Recent works include roles in *Amazons and their Men* and *Angels in America* at Forum Theatre; *Fever/Dream* at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company; *Christmas Carol 1941* at Arena Stage; and *Romeo and Juliet* and *Pericles* at The Shakespeare Theatre Company.

Scot McKenzie (Mickey) last appeared at The Studio 2ndStage in *A Clockwork Orange*. Other credits include *Betty's Summer Vacation* at The Studio Theatre; the title role in *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* and *1984* at Catalyst Theatre; and multiple productions at The Folger Theatre including *Othello*, *She Stoops to Conquer*, and *Macbeth*.

Matt Dewberry (Sweets) performed in *Mulan* at Imagination Stage and *Go, Dog! Go!* with Adventure Theatre. He has also appeared in *It's Not Easy Being Green* for the Capital Fringe Festival and *Peace* with the Washington Shakespeare Company. **Danny Gavigan** (Potts) appeared at The Studio 2ndStage in *All That I Will Ever Be*. He has performed in *The Ramayana* at Constellation Theatre and numerous production with Rorschach Theatre including *Dead City*, *References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot*, and *Rough Magic*. **Dylan Meyers** (Skinny) recently appeared in *The Ramayana* at Constellation Theatre and *1001* at Rorschach Theatre. He has performed in numerous productions with the Kentucky.

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Repertory Theatre including *King Lear*, *Amadeus*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. **Logan Dalbello** will round out the cast as Silver Johnny, a rock 'n' roll teen idol whose fame is about to explode.

The 2010-2011 Season of The Studio 2ndStage is generously underwritten by Don and Nancy Bliss and A. Fenner Milton.

Featuring: Daniel Eichner (Baby) and Scot McKenzie (Mickey).

With: Matt Dewberry (Sweets), Danny Gavigan (Potts), Dylan Myers (Skinny), and Logan DalBello (Silver Johnny).

Director and Designers: Christopher Gallu (Director), Joe Isenberg (Fight Choreography), Luciana Steconi (Setting), John Burkland (Lighting), Brendon Vierra (Sound), and Frank Labovitz (Costumes).

MOJO INFORMATION

Where: Stage 4

Dates: December 1, 2010 – December 26, 2010

Performances: Wednesday-Saturday: 8:30pm, Sunday: 7:30pm; Select Tuesday Performance: December 21, 8:30pm. There is no performance on Saturday, December 25.

Ticket Prices: Wednesday-Friday and Sunday: \$30, Saturday Evenings \$35

Press Opening: Sunday, December 5, 2010

Group Rates: Discounts available for groups of 10 more tickets. Call 202-232-7267 and ask for group sales.

THE STUDIO 2NDSTAGE INFORMATION:

Under the leadership of Keith Alan Baker, The Studio 2ndStage creates edgy, extreme, and electrifying productions that complement The Studio Theatre's season, all presented in its flexible raw space, Stage 4. *The Washington Post* proclaimed that 2ndStage "has long been a playground for... directors and actors (and, naturally, some of its riskier experiments)" and that a "convention-defying approach informs many 2ndStage offerings."

DISCOUNTS

Student, senior citizen (62+), and military discount: \$5 off (except Saturday evenings).

Student Rush: \$19 tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating available basis (except Saturday evenings).

Groups: For parties of 10 or more. Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accessibility: All performances are fully accessible to accommodate patrons with special needs. FM listening assistive system available. Call for schedule of sign-interpreted performances. Accessible seats available by reservation. Call the Box Office at 202-332-3300 or V/TTY 202-667-8436.

Location: 1501 14th Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

Parking: Please call the Box Office for parking information.

Metro Stops: Red Line: Dupont Circle, Orange/Blue Lines: McPherson Square, and Green Line: U Street/Cardozo.

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