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GAMM OPENS SEASON 21 WITH THRILLING *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT* New Adaptation Paced for Contemporary Audiences

PAWTUCKET, RI (August 11, 2005) — The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (The Gamm) is pleased to open Season 21 with Marilyn Campbell and Curt Columbus' award-winning new adaptation of the classic Russian novel ***Crime and Punishment*** by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Peter Sampieri (*Red Noses, The Grapes of Wrath*) directs Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella, Richard Donnelly and Casey Seymour Kim in a highly charged psychological drama that promises to leave audiences breathless. ***Crime and Punishment* runs from September 8 through October 9** at The Gamm Theatre, 172 Exchange St., Pawtucket, RI.

Play Synopsis

*An impoverished law student who commits double murder out of desperation, a strait-laced but sympathetic detective investigating the crime, and a young prostitute pointing the way to redemption. A stripped-down, **thrilling new adaptation of the famous psychological crime drama** sheds new light on a 19th-century masterpiece. Equal parts journey into the complex mind of a killer and searing psychological study, this "Crime and Punishment" thrills and penetrates at every turn. A reminder of how exciting a classic can be! **Winner of the 2002-03 Joseph Jefferson Award for Best New Adaptation.***

Estrella said he chose the gripping adaptation for the timeliness of its centuries-old theme.

"In a world in which the simple echo of 'freedom' justifies the murder and brutalization of the weak and defeated, the novel takes on a devastating immediacy," he said. "Through the character Raskolnikov, Dostoyevsky demands that each of us reconciles our capacity for extreme violence and boundless self-deception."

Sampieri called the play, in which just three actors portray numerous characters in Dostoyevsky's crowded novel, "the best of both worlds."

"The play, like the novel, is a classical piece with character development and humanism—but in a non-linear experimental theater form," he explained.

Crime and Punishment is sponsored by **The Providence Journal**. Additional support comes from **WBRU. NBC10** is The Gamm's season sponsor.

About The Gamm

Founded in 1984 as Alias Stage, the nonprofit **Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** performs great works of the classic and modern theater in an intimate setting that fosters the vital relationship between author, actor and audience. As the cornerstone of **The Arts Exchange** at the Pawtucket Armory, The Gamm seeks to engage and enrich the community through affordable entertainment and educational programming. The Gamm is a member of **New England Area Theatre (NEAT)**, a bargaining unit of the Actors Equity Association.

ABOUT THIS PRODUCTION OF *CRIME AND PUNISHMENT*

By Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Adapted by Marilyn Campbell and Curt Columbus
Directed by Peter Sampieri¹

Set & Lighting Design by Dan Bilodeau

Costume Design by Marilyn Salvatore
Sound Design by Katie Buechner
Stage Management by Stef Work²

Assistant Stage Manager, Karen Carpenter; Props Master, Jonna Klaiber; Dramaturge, Jennifer Madden.

Raskolnikov	Anthony Estrella ²
Porfiry/other roles	Richard Donnelly ²
Sonia/other roles	Casey Seymour Kim

¹The director is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Inc., an independent national labor union.

²The actor or stage manager appears through courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

September

Thursday, Sep. 8, preview performance at 8 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 9, preview performance at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 10, preview performance at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sep. 11, preview performance at 7 p.m.
Monday, Sep. 12, press performance at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 15, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 16, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 17, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sep. 18, matinee performance at 2 p.m.*
Sunday, Sep. 18, regular performance at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sep. 21, regular performance at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 22, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 23, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sep. 24, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sep. 25, matinee performance at 2 p.m.
Thursday, Sep. 29, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 30, regular performance at 8 p.m.

October

Saturday, Oct. 1, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 2, matinee performance at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 5, regular performance at 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8, regular performance at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9, matinee performance at 2 p.m.

*Performance followed by **Shared Sundays** discussion with artists and scholars. Show attendance not required. Free for all.

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