

Press Release: **Happy Days** are back at the Falcon Theatre!

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Presents

Happy Days

A Family Musical!

Based on the Paramount Pictures' television series, *Happy Days*, created by Garry Marshall

Music and Lyrics by **Paul Williams**

Book by **Garry Marshall**

Music Supervision, Vocal & Incidental Music Arrangements & Orchestrations
by **Phil Reno**

Choreography by **Randy Skinner**

Directed by **Garry Marshall**

Special Return 8-Week Engagement!

Happy Days are here again...*again!* Back by popular demand, the **Falcon Theatre** is proud to announce ***Happy Days: A Family Musical!*** as its Summer 2006 show! The high flyin', sock-hoppin' musical, based on the hit Paramount Pictures' television series, is directed by series creator, **Garry Marshall**, and features original music and lyrics by **Paul Williams**. ***Happy Days: A Family Musical!*** begins **June 23** and runs through **August 13**.

Grab your poodle skirt, saddle shoes and the kids, and dance on down to the Falcon Theatre! It's May, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Fonzie (Joey McIntyre) is still the king of cool at everyone's favorite malt shop, "Arnold's". The school year is coming to an end and Richie, Lori Beth, Potsie, and Ralph Malph are getting ready to graduate from Jefferson High School. The gang's all here, from sexy Pinky Tuscadero to the bumbling "not nice" Malachi Brothers, singing and dancing in a musical celebration of nostalgia at its best, brightest and funniest! Bring the **ENTIRE FAMILY** to the show the *Los Angeles Daily News* calls "**Very cool...Thumbs up for *Happy Days!***"

The full cast of *Happy Days* includes (in alphabetical order) Fred Applegate, Joseph Leo Bwarie, Sandra DeNise, Cynthia Ferrer, Christine Lakin, Philip Lightstone, Ryan Matthew, Joey McIntyre, Matt Merchant, Jaclyn Miller, DeQuina Moore, Rory O'Malley, Robert Petrarca, Jackie Seiden, Matt Walker, Anna A. White, and Jay Brian Winnick.

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Paul Williams (Music and Lyrics) is an Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe-winning Hall of Fame songwriter. “We've Only Just Begun”, “Rainy Days and Mondays”, “You and Me Against the World”, “I Won't Last a Day Without You”, “An Old Fashioned Love Song” and “Let Me Be The One” are among his timeless standards. His songs have been recorded by such diverse musical icons as Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Willie Nelson, Ella Fitzgerald, David Bowie, Ray Charles, REM, Tony Bennett, Luther Vandross, and Kermit the Frog. *Bugsy Malone* and cult favorite *Phantom of the Paradise* are among his song scores. “The Rainbow Connection” from the children's classic *The Muppet Movie* and “Evergreen” from *A Star Is Born* are two of his songs that grace the American Film Institute's list of the top 100 movie songs of all time. An actor, performer and public speaker, Mr. Williams predicts he'll be remembered for his stellar work in the *Smokey and the Bandit* trilogy and for his lyrics to “The Love Boat”.

Garry Marshall (Book/Director) is a veteran producer, director and writer of film, television and theatre. After graduating from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, he went on to write and produce some of television's most beloved situation comedies, including *Happy Days*, *Laverne & Shirley*, *Mork & Mindy* and *The Odd Couple*. His plays, *Shelves*, performed at the Pheasant Run Playhouse in St. Charles, Illinois, and *The Roast*, which he co-wrote with Jerry Belson, ran at the Winter Garden Theater in New York. In addition, he co-wrote the play *Wrong Turn at Lungfish* with Lowell Ganz, which he then went on to direct in Los Angeles, Chicago, Off-Broadway with George C. Scott, as well as at the Falcon Theatre starring Hector Elizondo. He has directed 15 movies. Among them are *Pretty Woman*, *Beaches*, *Overboard*, *The Princess Diaries*, *The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*. You saw him most recently as the hippie Grandpa in *Keeping up with the Steins* and heard him as the voice of *Chicken Little*'s dad, ‘Buck Cluck’. Mr. Marshall built Burbank's Falcon Theatre with his daughter, Kathleen, in 1997.

Randy Skinner (Choreographer) Shows include: *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*; *42nd Street* (Tony, Drama Desk, Outer Critics, Astaire nominations); *State Fair* (Outer Critics nomination); *Ain't Broadway Grand* (Tony, Outer Critics nomination); *After The Night And The Music* (MTC/Biltmore); *The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde* (NY Music Festival); *Do Re Mi*; *Of Thee I Sing* (City Center Encores!); *Lone Star Love* (Lucille Lortel nomination); *Hello Dolly!* (with Tom Bosley); *Puttin' on The Ritz* (Kennedy Center); *Lucky In The Rain* (Goodspeed Opera); “2001 Tony Awards” telecast (opening number). He has received the LA Drama Critics, LA Dramalogue, Bay Area Critics, Connecticut Critics and Cleveland Times Theatre Awards.

Phil Reno (Musical Supervisor) Most recent: *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the Marquis Theatre in New York, which just received 13 Tony Award nominations. Other Broadway: *The Producers*; *Thou Shalt Not*; *Cats*; *Dame Edna: The Royal Tour*. National Tours: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* starring Donny Osmond; *Music of the Night* (World Premiere); *Sweet Charity*, directed by Bob Fosse; *Starlight Express*. Off-Broadway: *A New Brain*; *The Diva Is Dismissed*; *Chess*. Regional: *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* (World Premiere at the Old Globe Theatre); *I Sent a Letter to My Love* (World Premiere at North Shore Music Theatre); *Riches to Ragtime* (World Premiere at Chicago CPA). TV: *Broadway Under the Stars* (2002-2005); *Live From Bryant Park* (CBS). Film: *The Producers*.

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| WHEN: | SHOW DATES | June 23 – August 13, 2006 |
| | PERFORMANCES | Wed. & Thu. at 8:00pm, Fri. & Sat. at 7:00pm, |
| | | Sun. at 3:00pm |
| | PRICES | Tickets range from \$30.00 - \$35.00 |

**** Recommended for ages 8 and up. ****

THE FALCON THEATRE is located at 4252 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, in Burbank.

For ticket reservations, call 818.955.8101

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