

Schwartz's THE MUSICAL

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World Premiere

By **Rick Blue & George Bowser**
Directed by **Roy Surette**

Musical Direction by Rick Blue & George Bowser / Choreography by Shane Snow

Tuesday March 29, 2011 - Sunday April 24, 2011

March 16 2011, Montreal. - Centaur is very excited to announce that **Schwartz's: The Musical**, the much-awaited musical inspired by Bill Brownstein's popular book, "*Schwartz's Hebrew Delicatessen: The Story*," will be premiering on March 29th on our main stage.

Comedy duo extraordinaire Bowser & Blue bring the deli's colourful story to the stage with a full cast of larger-than-life characters who call Schwartz's home, and some of the many customers who pass through its doors. **Schwartz's: The Musical** celebrates what makes us Montrealers with humour, wit and heart, while grappling with such issues as the smoked meat and pastrami debate, the food police, and the dreaded F-word: franchise!

Directed by Centaur's Artistic and Executive Director **Roy Surette**, the multi-talented cast of actors and musicians comprising of **Chris Barillaro, Rick Blue, George Bowser, Jim Cahill, Vito DeFilippo, Bruce Dinsmore, Holly Gauthier-Frankel, Dominic Lorange, Stephanie Martin, Gordon Masten, and Felicia Shulman** play a variety of characters ranging from Toronto executives, to Schwartz's owners, staff and loyal customers from over the years!

Audiences will be familiar with **George Bowser** and **Rick Blue's** 2006 work *The 4 Anglos of the Apocalypse*, (written and performed with Josh Freed and Terry Mosher), their musical *The Paris of America* which ran for seven sold-out weeks in 2003, 1997's *Mainly Montreal* and 1996's *Troubadour's Through Time*. Acoustic guitarist and harmonica player Rick Blue and electric/acoustic guitarist George Bowser have been writing and performing music and comedy together since 1978. They have written and performed in many theatre shows across the country, including their 2008' show *The 25th Century Belongs to Canada* and the smash hits *Blokes* and *Blokes Deux*, also at Centaur.

The creative team behind **Schwartz's: The Musical** includes **Shane Snow** for choreography, **John C. Dining** for set and prop design, **James Lavoie** for costume design, **Luc Prairie** for lighting design. The Assistant Musical Director is **Chris Barillaro** and the stage management team is comprised of **Melanie St-Jacques** with assistant stage manager **Stephanie Link**.

ALSO OF NOTE: Schwartz's famous smoked meat sandwiches will be available on select evenings.

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Previews: Tuesday March 29, Wednesday March 30, 2011 - 8:00PM
Opening Night: Thursday March 31, 2011 - 8:00PM
Tuesday to Saturday - 8:00PM, Except Thursday April 7, 2011 - 7:00PM
Saturday - Sunday - 2:00PM, Except Sunday April 10, 2011 - 7:00PM (Talkback Session following the performance)
Wednesday, April 6 & 13, 2011 - 1:00PM
Closing Performance - Sunday April 24, 2011 - 2:00PM

Media call **Tuesday March 29, 2011 at 12:30 PM**

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