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THE FSCJ ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS



FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014 at 8PM

TIMES-UNION CENTER'S MORAN THEATER

JACKSONVILLE, FL – The 2013/2014 National Tour of the new musical *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*, based on the bizarre and beloved family of characters created by legendary cartoonist Charles Addams, will make its Jacksonville premiere on Friday, May 2nd at 8PM at the Times-Union Center's Moran Theater!

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, which began performances in March 2010 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre and ran through December 2011, immediately became one of Broadway's biggest hits. Chris Jones of the *Chicago Tribune* described the production as "classic, full-tilt, fast paced, old-fashioned musical comedy!" and John Simon of *Bloomberg News* called it "uproarious! A glitzy-gloomy musical entirely worthy of the macabre drawings by Charles Addams."

Here's a video sneak peek of the show: http://bit.ly/AddamsFamVideo

Tickets for *THE ADDAMS FAMILY* in Jacksonville start at \$32.00 and are available at the FSCJ Artist Series Box Office between 10AM-5PM, Monday-Friday, at (904) 442-BWAY (2929) and online 24/7 at www.artistseriesjax.org. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more at (904) 442-2947 or groupsales@fscj.edu.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY features a book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa. The production is directed by Jerry Zaks with choreography by Sergio Trujillo. Production design (sets and costumes) by Phelim McDermott and Julian Crouch with set adaptations by James Kronzer. The production features lighting design by Natasha Katz, sound design by Craig Cassidy and puppetry by Basil Twist.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY features an original story and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a

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respectable family. A man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother.

Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

In a prolific career spanning six decades, Charles Addams created several thousand cartoons, sketches and drawings, many of which were published in *The New Yorker*. But it was his creation of characters that came to be known as The Addams Family that brought Addams his greatest acclaim. With a unique style that combined the twisted, macabre and just plain weird with charm, wit and enchantment, Addams' drawings have entertained millions worldwide and served as the inspiration for multiple television series and motion pictures.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY tour for North America is produced by Phoenix Entertainment, Stephen B. Kane and Michael McFadden, by special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

For more information, visit www.tafontour.com.

Please contact Sarah Roy at <u>saroy@fscj.edu</u> or (904) 442-2933 ASAP for interview opportunities and show materials for *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*.

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(toll-free outside of Jacksonville 1-888-860-BWAY)

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