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University Park, Illinois, July 13, 2011 - Rehearsals are under way for "Ragtime," the 2011 production of the Southland Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at Governors State University. Forty-six cast members from 23 communities, mostly in Chicago's Southland, were chosen following recent auditions.

"Ragtime" will be presented on Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 7 at 2 p.m. Performances will take place at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. Tickets are on sale at the Center for Performing Arts box office. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for students and can be purchased at the Center's website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at (708) 235-2222.

"Ragtime" is sponsored by the SouthtownStar, the Yonover family, and Sutton Ford.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information about SLATE, visit www.slatetheatre.org.

CAST LIST:

Principals
Mother: Maria Barwegen, Kankakee
Coalhouse: Randall Moore, Chicago
Tateh: Tyler McMahon, Kankakee
Sarah: Kelly Redmond, Crete
Father: Nate Krug, Crete
Younger Brother: Steve Greist, Indianapolis, IN

Supporting Roles
Little Boy: Caroline Teitjens, Bourbonnais
Little Girl: Hope Lang, Monee
Evelyn Nesbit: Annie Litchfield, Chicago
Houdini: Nick Narcisi, Homewood
Henry Ford: Curt Lang, Monee
J.P. Morgan: Eddie Brennan, New Lenox
Emma Goldman: Heather Prince, Cedar Lake, IN
Willie Conklin: Omar Shammaa, Homewood
Booker T. Washington: Jonathan Schaffer, Flossmoor
Sarah's Friend: Liane Williams, Chicago; Markyala Moore, University Park
Grandfather: Keith Rumbaugh, Park Forest

Ensemble
Choreographer: Fidel Calderon, Palos Heights
Dance Captain: Jessica Carpenter, Chicago
Shelby Critchett, Alsip
Megan Murray, Arlington Heights
Lynette Henderson, Chicago
Julie Matolo, Chicago
Natassia Dunlap, Chicago Heights
Nico Garcia, Chicago Heights
Melina Navarette, Chicago Heights
Jamel Williams, Chicago Heights
Jenna Dodario, Crest Hill
Melissa Harmon, Crete
Catherine Bayles, Flossmoor
Kyrie Courter, Flossmoor
Christopher Kelley, Flossmoor
Tyler Maxie, Hazel Crest
Ashley Curry, Homewood
Mary Anne Demas, Homewood
Anthony Hudson, Homewood
Anna Meehan, Homewood
Josette Nordman, Homewood
Teresa Cabrera, Joliet
Kate Matthews, Lynwood
Mandi Corrao, Mokena
Joanna Vaickus, Oak Forest
Julie Zielinski, Oak Forest
Andrew Calderon, Palos Heights
Demetri Greening, Park Forest
Creative and Technical Staff
Director: J.R. Rose, Tinley Park
Assistant Director: Grant Rios, Flossmoor
Stage Manager/Lighting Designer/Technical Director: Ron Bowden, Hazel Crest
Assistant Stage Manager: Stephanie Jones, Tinley Park
Music Director: Kyle Severson, Joliet
Scenic Designer: Kevin Wall, Homewood
Costume Designer: Diana Principe, Crete
Props and Decorations: Judie Felix, Frankfort