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SIGNATURE THEATRE EXTENDS RUN OF *NEVERMORE* THROUGH MARCH 5 DUE TO DEMAND FOR TICKETS!

“Entrancing new musical.” — Peter Marks, *The Washington Post*

Arlington, VA — Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer announced today a one-week extension of *Nevermore*. This imaginative world premiere musical uses Edgar Allan Poe’s poetry and short stories as its base and his shifting obsessions with the women in his life as its catalyst. With hauntingly beautiful melodies, *Nevermore* breathes new life into Poe’s work and explores a twisted true-life tale as bizarre as his classic stories of the macabre. Directed by **Eric Schaeffer**, winner of the 2005 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Director, Resident Musical (*Allegro*), *Nevermore* stars Broadway performers **Daniel Cooney** (Edgar), **Florence Lacey** (Mother) and **Jacquelyn Piro** (Elmira). *Nevermore* is now running through **March 5, 2006**, at Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington, VA 22206. **Tickets are on sale through Tickets.com (800) 955-5566 or online at www.signature-theatre.org.**

WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING:

“Conner’s romantic music, at times ablaze with feeling, is orchestrated by the great Jonathan Tunick. ...The haze-shrouded set by Derek McLane, with its eerie, twisty woodlands, and the spectral, baroque gowns by Jenn Miller marvelously evoke the surreal terrain of Poe’s hallucinatory images and rhythms. ...Quoth the critic: ‘Nifty score.’”
— Peter Marks, *The Washington Post*

“Highly theatrical. ...This graphic ghost story is evocatively realized by director Eric Schaeffer, using a script by Scottish playwright Grace Barnes and a score that combines Poe’s words with eerily romantic, tuneful music by first-time composer Matt Conner. ...Together with the score, which marries Conner’s memorable melodies with Poe’s innately musical verse, the macabre atmosphere captures the dark essence of Edgar Allan Poe.” — J. Wynn Rousuck, *Baltimore Sun*

“Signature has proven the perfect incubator for ambitious works that advance contemporary music theater beyond recycled Hollywood blockbusters and the Disney dynasty. Conner is a visionary talent plucked from obscurity, and *Nevermore* is a sparkling debut that promises better things to come.” — Jolene Munch, *Metro Weekly*

“Conner’s melodies are... dark, lush, and swooningly romantic as orchestrated by frequent Sondheim collaborator Jonathan Tunick.” — Bob Mondello, *Washington City Paper*

“*Nevermore* is a compelling and fascinating theatrical experience filled with hauntingly beautiful songs and arresting images.” — Michael Toscano, *TheaterMania.com*

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NEVERMORE

Music by Matt Conner

Lyrics adapted from the writings of Edgar Allan Poe

Book by Grace Barnes

Cast (in alphabetical order)

Edgar	Daniel Cooney
Mother	Florence Lacey
Muddy	Channez McQuay
A Whore	Amy McWilliams
Elmira	Jacquelyn Piro
Virginia	Lauren Williams

Direction & Design

Director/Musical Staging	Eric Schaeffer	Costume Design	Jenn Miller
Music Director	Jenny Cartney	Lighting Design	Mark Lanks
Orchestrations	Jonathan Tunick	Sound Design	Tony Angelini
Scenic Consultant	Derek McLane	Stage Manager	Kerry Epstein

SCHEDULE

Now Playing Through March 5, 2006

Show Times: Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS

Tickets are \$39 to \$55 and are available by calling Tickets.com at (800) 955-5566 or (703) 218-6500 and can also be purchased online at www.signature-theatre.org. Discounts available for students, seniors (60+), military and groups of ten or more. The Signature Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and during performances.

SIGNATURE THEATRE

Signature Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre dedicated to producing contemporary plays and musicals and to the development of new work. Now in its 16th season under Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, Signature has been nominated for 191 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in the professional theatre and has been honored with 42 Helen Hayes Awards, including Outstanding Musical in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2005 and Outstanding Play in 1999. Signature Theatre is a member of the Theatre Communications Group, The League of Washington Theatres, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the Arlington Arts Alliance, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

DIRECTIONS

Signature Theatre is located just five miles from downtown Washington, DC at 3806 South Four Mile Run Drive in Arlington, VA immediately off I-395 at the Shirlington exit.

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