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**"SHREK THE MUSICAL" AND "JERSEY BOYS"
JOIN BROADWAY'S TONY AWARD®-WINNING
SMASH "BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL" TO
HEADLINE THE SIX-SHOW 2010-2011
U.S. BANK BROADWAY SERIES AT
THE FOX THEATRE**

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Fox Associates announces its stellar 2010-2011 U.S. Bank Broadway Series. Alongside the previously announced engagement of Broadway's latest sensation **BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL**, winner of the 2009 Tony Award® for Best Musical; will be Rodgers & Hammerstein's **SOUTH PACIFIC**, a stunning reinvention produced by Lincoln Center Theater, making its St. Louis debut. Also included in the series are: **SHREK THE MUSICAL**, based on the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks film that started it all, brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to life on stage; **9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL** the new musical comedy, direct from Broadway & based on the hit movie; and **NEXT TO NORMAL** winner of three 2009 Tony Awards including Best Score. The story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, **JERSEY BOYS** returns to round out the six show series.

The Fox also announces five specials for which U.S. Bank Broadway Series subscribers will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets. **THE WIZARD OF OZ** flies into town right after Thanksgiving and **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** will make its St. Louis premiere just in time for the holidays. Other returning favorites include **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, Monty Python's **SPAMALOT** and **STOMP**.

The 2010-2011 season opens September 11-26 with **SHREK THE MUSICAL**. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre – not a handsome prince – shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a villain with a **SHORT** temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek. Featuring a terrific score of 19 all-new songs, big laughs, great dancing and breathtaking scenery, WWOR-TV proclaims **Shrek The Musical**, "Far, far and away the funniest new musical on Broadway!" **Shrek The Musical** is part romance, part twisted fairy tale and all irreverent fun for everyone!

Rodgers & Hammerstein's **SOUTH PACIFIC** soars into St. Louis November 9-21. "Simply wonderful! Beguiling Theatrical Magic!" hails the *New York Post* for this breathtaking new production. This Lincoln Center Theatre production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's **South Pacific** swept the 2008 Tony Awards®, winning seven honors including Best Musical Revival and Best Director for Bartlett

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Sher. Set on a tropical island during World War II, the musical tells the sweeping romantic story of two couples and how their happiness is threatened by the realities of war and by their own prejudices. The beloved score's songs include "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "This Nearly Was Mine" and "There is Nothin' Like a Dame." The musical is based on James Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning book *Tales of the South Pacific* with music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and a book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan.

Outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic, **9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL** is about teaming up and taking care of business...it's about getting credit and getting even...and it will open in St. Louis February 8-20, 2011. **9 to 5: The Musical** is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. This new musical comedy, direct from Broadway, is based on the hit movie and features Dolly Parton's original hit title song along with her new Tony Award[®] and Grammy-nominated score. The book is by Patricia Resnick (co-writer of the original screenplay). **9 to 5: The Musical** tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there's nothing they can't do – even in a man's world.

Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards including Best Score, **NEXT TO NORMAL** makes its St. Louis debut April 12-24, 2011. From the director of *Rent* comes an emotional powerhouse of a musical with a thrilling, contemporary score about a family trying to take care of themselves and each other. **Next to Normal** is the most talked about new show on Broadway having recently been chosen as "one of the year's ten best" by major critics around the country. *The New York Times* calls **Next to Normal** "a brave, breathtaking musical. A work of muscular grace and power. It is much more than a feel-good musical; it is a feel-*everything* musical." *Rolling Stone* raves, "It is the best musical of the season – by a mile. It'll pin you to your seat."

"Too good to be true!" raves the *New York Post* for **JERSEY BOYS**, the 2006 Tony Award[®]-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were 30! Taking the Fox stage for three weeks, May 11-29, 2011, **Jersey Boys**, winner of the 2006 Grammy[®] Award for Best Musical Show Album and most recently, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, features their hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." "It will run for centuries!" proclaims *Time Magazine*. The **Jersey Boys** creative team comprises two-time Tony Award[®]-winning director Des McAnuff, book writers Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, composer Bob Gaudio, lyricist Bob Crewe and choreography by Sergio Trujillo.

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BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL is a joyous celebration of one young boy's journey to make his dreams come true. Set in a small town, the story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a surprising passion that inspires his family and his whole community. Based on the international smash-hit film, **Billy Elliot** is brought to life by a phenomenal cast of 45 and the Tony-winning creative team – director Stephen Daldry, choreographer Peter Darling and writer Lee Hall – along with music legend Elton John, who has written what the *New York Post* calls “His best score yet!” Co-presented with Dance St. Louis, a big musical with an even bigger heart, **Billy Elliot**, will enchant the dreamer in all of us from August 10-28, 2011.

The five specials for the 2010-2011 season will be offered to subscribers for priority seating before their public on-sale dates. **THE WIZARD OF OZ**, a spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film is sure to be a family favorite when it plays November 26-28, 2010. The Nebraska Theatre Caravan's production of **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** brings holiday cheer to the Fox December 9-12, 2010. An original new musical extravaganza filled with spectacle, imagination and whimsical dreams, **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** arrives December 21-29, 2010. Broadway's musical comedy smash, Monty Python's **SPAMALOT** returns January 7-9, 2011. The international percussion sensation **STOMP** will be co-presented with Dance St. Louis March 25-27, 2011.

Current U.S. Bank Broadway subscribers will receive their renewal information in mid-April with new subscriptions going on sale in late May. Dance St. Louis subscribers will receive their renewal information in late March for **Billy Elliot the Musical** and **Stomp**. On-sale dates for individual shows will be announced later. For more information, call the Fox Subscription office at 314/535-1700. Groups of 20 or more should call 314/535-2900 for special rates and reservations. The Broadway Series at the Fox Theatre is presented by U.S. Bank.

2010-2011 U.S. Bank Broadway Series Shows and Specials: (Subscription Season in Bold)

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