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TRACY LETTS' 2008 TONY AWARD AND PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PLAY

AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY

STARRING ACADEMY AWARD WINNER

ESTELLE PARSONS

VISITS THE FABULOUS FOX MARCH 2-14

WITH AWARD-WINNING COMPANY OF VETERAN STAGE & SCREEN ACTORS

January 27, 2010 / St. Louis, MO – The producers of *August: Osage County*, the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play that tells the biting funny and sensationally entertaining tale of the Weston family of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, are pleased to announce that full casting for the First National Tour has been completed. The tour is coming to the Fabulous Fox Theatre March 2-14 for 16 performances only. Tickets are available at the Fox Theatre box office, all MetroTix outlets, online at www.metrotix.com or by phone at 314-534-1111. Group orders of 20 or more may be placed by calling 314-535-2900.

The play stars Academy Award-winner **Estelle Parsons** in the role of the family matriarch, Violet. Ms. Parsons played Violet in the Broadway production of *August: Osage County* from June 2008-May 2009, where *The New York Times* raved, "Estelle Parsons gives a superb performance...sends chills down your spine. It may prove to be a crowning moment in an illustrious career."

Joining **Ms. Parsons** are **Shannon Cochran** as Barbara Fordham, **Jon DeVries** as Beverly Weston, **Libby George** as Mattie Fae Aiken, **Stephen Riley Key** as Little Charles, **Emily Kinney** as Jean Fordham, **Laurence Lau** as Steve Heidebrecht, **Marcus Nelson** as Sheriff Deon Gilbeau and understudying Bill and Steve, **Paul Vincent O'Connor** as Charlie Aiken, **Jeff Still** as Bill Fordham, **DeLanna Studi** as Johnna Monevata, **Angelica Torn** as Ivy Weston, **Amy Warren** as Karen Weston, **Avia Bushyhead**, understudying Johnna, Jean, Ivy and Karen, **Stephen D'Ambrose**, understudying Beverly and Charlie, **Barbara Kingsley**, understudying Violet and Mattie Fae, **Bryn Magnus**, understudying Little Charles and the Sherriff and **Kim Martin-Cotten**, understudying Barbara, Karen and Ivy.

Written by 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winner Tracy Letts (*Superior Donuts*, *Man From Nebraska*, *Killer Joe*, *Bug*), this grand and gripping new play tells the story of the Westons, a large extended clan that comes together at their rural Oklahoma homestead after the alcoholic patriarch disappears. Forced to confront unspoken truths and astonishing secrets, the family must also contend with Violet, a pill-popping, deeply unsettled woman at the center of the storm. *August: Osage County* is a show for mature audiences. It does contain adult themes, sexual situations and dialogue, explicit language and smoking & alcohol use.

Directed by 2008 Tony Award-winner Anna D. Shapiro, *August: Osage County* is a rare theatrical event: a large-scale work filled with 13 unforgettable characters, a powerful tragicomedy told with unflinching honesty and the unforgettable breakthrough of a major American playwright. *August: Osage County* premiered and was produced at Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago in 2007.

Nominated for seven Tony Awards and winning five, including Tony Awards for Best Play and Best Director, along with Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and New York Drama Critics Circle Awards, including Best Play, Best Director and Best Scenic Design, *August: Osage County* opened at the Imperial Theatre Broadway on December 4,

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2007, to wide critical acclaim. *The New York Times* called **August: Osage County** “The most exciting new American play Broadway has seen in years,” and it was voted The #1 Play of the Year by *Time*, *The Associated Press*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *TimeOut New York*. After a sold-out engagement at the Imperial Theatre, the show re-opened at the Music Box Theatre on April 29th, 2008. **August: Osage County** closed on Broadway on June 28, 2009 after 648 performances and 18 previews, surpassing *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Master Class*, *The Real Thing*, and *Doubt*, among many others, to become one of the longest running plays in Broadway history.

The show, which the London critics hailed as “the must-see play of the year - possibly a lifetime,” opened to rave reviews at The National Theatre on November 26, 2008, where it played a limited eight-week engagement featuring members of the original Broadway company. The London production was nominated for four Olivier Awards, winning one (Best Scenic Design).

The show’s creative team includes Tony Award winner Todd Rosenthal (sets), Ana Kuzmanic (costumes), Ann G. Wrightson (lights), Richard Woodbury (sound) and David Singer (original music).

August: Osage County is produced by Jeffrey Richards, Jean Doumanian, Steve Traxler and Jerry Frankel.

August: Osage County will play the Fabulous Fox Theatre March 2-14. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday evenings, 8pm; Saturdays & Sundays, 2pm; and Sunday March 7 at 7:30pm. There is also a weekday matinee on Thursday, March 11 at 1pm. Ticket prices range from \$20-\$62 and are subject to change. Please visit www.fabulousfox.com for current pricing information. Tickets are available at the Fox Theatre box office, all MetroTix outlets, online at www.metrotix.com or by phone at 314-534-1111. Group orders of 20 or more may be placed by calling 314-535-2900. **August: Osage County** is a U.S. Bank Broadway Series presentation and sponsored by American Airlines.

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