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A Musical Theatre Revue – A 1st for HCC

***THE BIZ*: 1st Musical Theatre Revue at HCC this November – All About Show-Business**

(Columbia, MD) – Howard Community College (HCC) premieres its first Musical Theatre Revue, ***The Biz***, directed and choreographed by **Jenny Male**, this **November 1, 2, 3**, at **8 p.m.** in HCC's **Smith Theatre**. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$12 for Seniors, and \$10 for Students. Tickets are available on-line:

www.howardcc.edu/visitors/studentarts, at the Box Office: **410-772-4900**, or 1-hour prior to showtime. For more information, e-mail **studentarts@howardcc.edu** or call **410-772-4587** or visit the website:

www.howardcc.edu/visitors/studentarts.

The Biz: A Musical Theatre Revue, is about "Treading the Boards" - the Joy of Show Business: Headshots, resumes, auditions, callbacks, triumphs, rejections, lucky breaks, hard knocks, smash-hits, flops – and that's just in one day! ***The Biz*** offers a fascinating journey about the magic and reality of dreaming, living, breathing and breaking into Show Business, featuring numbers from Broadway Musicals such as A CHORUS LINE, THE LAST FIVE YEARS, SUNSET BOULEVARD, THE PRODUCERS, FUNNY GIRL, SPAMALOT, and many more.

The Student Arts Collective (AC), now in its 13th season, (**formally, the Student-Alumni Arts at HCC,**) officially kicks off it's new name and a new season with ***The Biz***, a project inspired by Howard Community College's Arts and Humanities newest theatre major; Musical Theatre. Valerie Lash, HCC's Arts and Humanities Chair, recruited AC's expertise in producing and putting-together the college's first-ever Musical Theatre Revue. From the outset, the goals have been about setting a precedent for future possibilities – on and off campus – as well as maintaining AC's consistent goal of raising its artistic bar; hence the extremely versatile, experienced cast featured in ***The Biz***, this first time around! ***The Biz***, in many ways, is an original Musical Theatre Review – audiences will enjoy this fresh, realistic take on Show Business through the eyes of HCC's Student Arts Collective.

***The Biz* features** Grace Anastasiadis, Janelle Broderick, Candace Cooper, Sarah L. Esbrandt, Blake Gershman, Melissa Francies Ivester, Darius McKeiver, and Ben Townsend.

The Biz Artistic Team features:

Susan G. Kramer: producing artistic director
Jenny Male: director and choreographer
Janelle Broderick: music, script consultant and vocal coach
Carol McNeely: associate artistic director
Katrina Maurer: light design
Denise Umland: costume design
Soundlogix: sound coordination
Josh Cookson and Ashanti Cooper: sound engineers
Erin G. Elliott: props design and stage management:

This performance is recommended for audiences 9 years and up (a PG rated – contains mild, mature language/ subject matter). No one under 9 years of age will be admitted.

Howard Community College's Smith Theatre is located inside the new Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044.

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