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HAIRSPRAY THE MUSICAL AT THE WASHINGTON CROSSING OPEN AIR THEATRE FOR THREE WEEKENDS BEGINNING FRIDAY, JULY 22

The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre will bring the Tony award-winning Broadway musical, **Hairspray** to life beginning Friday, July 22. Continuing for 3 weekends with performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30, **Hairspray** continues through Saturday, August 7, 2011.

Based on the 1988 film by John Waters, **Hairspray** tells the story of overweight Baltimore girl, Tracy Turnblad. She's never been part of the "in" crowd until winning a coveted spot on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show" where overnight, she becomes a teen idol. Tracy quickly becomes a trend setter and uses her popularity to help change the show's segregation policy. From the 1960s style dance music to the soulful rhythm and blues, **Hairspray** is sure to get audience members dancing in the aisles!

Included in the cast of **Hairspray** are some faces familiar to Open Air Theatre audiences. Jay Casale who was seen as Daddy Warbucks in last season's production of *Annie* will play Edna Turnblad. Jaclyn Ross, last season's Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* plays Penny Pingleton. Open Air Theatre Artistic Director and the director of this production of *Hairspray*, Louis Palena will play Corny Collins.

The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre production of **Hairspray** will be performed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 pm from Friday, July 22 through Sunday, August 7, 2011. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 12 and under). Tickets can always be purchased at the Open Air Theatre Box Office prior to the performance. 10-Show Subscriptions are also available for purchase at the Box Office as well.

For complete information about the 2011 Summer Season of mainstage shows, children's theatre productions, movies, directions and more, visit the website at www.downtownpac.com The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre is located inside Washington Crossing State Park at 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road in Titusville, New Jersey. Box Office phone is (267) 885-9857.

THE LITTLE MERMAID IS NEXT OFFERING IN CHILDREN'S THEATRE SEASON AT THE WASHINGTON CROSSING OPEN AIR THEATRE

The original musical, *The Little Mermaid* is the next offering in the children's theatre series at the Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre. With performances on Friday and Saturday at 11 am and Sunday at 4 pm, *The Little Mermaid* opens on Friday, July 22 and continues through Sunday, July 31, 2011

With book, music and lyrics by Open Air Theatre Artistic Director, Louis Palena, *The Little Mermaid* is based on the children's story by Hans Christian Andersen and tells the tale of a little mermaid who dreams of going on land. Banished by her father, the King of the Sea, she travels above the water to a place where she is forced to fend for herself.

The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre production of *The Little Mermaid* will be performed on Friday, July 22 at 11 am, Saturday, July 23 at 11 am and Sunday, July 24 at 4 pm. A second week of performances will take place on Friday, July 29 at 11 am, Saturday, July 30 at 11 am and Sunday, July 31 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$5 for children or adults. Tickets can always be purchased at the Open Air Theatre Box Office prior to the performance. 10-Show Subscriptions are also available for purchase at the Box Office as well.

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Lucy Fisher as heroine Tracy Turnblad and Ben Cramer as teen heartthrob, Link Larkin in the Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre production of **Hairspray** running Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 pm from July 22 through August 7, 2011.

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