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# IT'S A SUPERGROUP

# <u>FIRST AND COMPLETE CAST ANNOUNCEMENT</u> FOR BROADWAY'S BEST PARTY'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN ON MARCH 24, 2011



## WELCOMES

# FRESH OFF THE FIRST NATIONAL TOUR AND TORONTO PRODUCTION REBECCA FAULKENBERRY AS "SHERRIE" MIG AYESA AS "STACEE JAXX" CODY SCOTT LANCASTER AS "FRANZ" JOSEPHINE ROSE ROBERTS AS "REGINA"

# ORIGINAL BROADWAY CAST MEMBERS RETURNING TO THE PARTY ADAM DANNHEISSER AS "DENNIS" MITCHELL JARVIS AS "LONNY" MICHELE MAIS AS "JUSTICE" PAUL SCHOEFFLER AS "HERTZ"

# AND INTRODUCING TO BROADWAY... DAN DOMENECH AS "DREW"

(New York, NY – February XX, 2011) Today, the producers of the smash hit musical *ROCK OF AGES* announced the 'supergroup' they've assembled to kick off performances at the Helen Hayes Theatre, 240 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street on Thursday, March 24, 2011. The five-time Tony Award nominated musical will star returning original Broadway cast members **Adam Dannheisser** as "Dennis," **Mitchell Jarvis** as "Lonny," **Michele Mais** as "Justice," **Paul Schoeffler** as "Hertz; " first national tour cast members **Rebecca Faulkenberry** as "Sherrie" and **MiG Ayesa** as "Stacee Jaxx;" original Toronto cast members **Cody Scott Lancaster** as "Franz" and **Josephine Rose Roberts** as "Regina" (who also performed on Broadway); and is excited to introduce **Dan Domenech**, in his Broadway debut, as "Drew" following his engagement as the "Drew" standby on the First National Tour.

The music that ignited a generation heats up Broadway in the smash hit, *ROCK OF AGES*. The classic rock love story of the decade erupts into Broadway's best party, all to the sounds of such feel-good, sing-out-loud songs as *Every Rose Has Its Thorn, I Wanna Know What Love Is, Here I Go Again, Don't Stop Believin'* and more. This hilarious five-time Tony nominated musical is nothin' but a good time. A New Line Cinema film of the musical, directed by **Adam Shankman** (*Hairspray*), is ramping up to begin production in spring 2011.

Also featured in the 'supergroup' cast of *ROCK OF AGES* are **Tessa Alves** (original Toronto cast member), **Emily Williams** (original Toronto cast member), **Ericka Hunter** (original Broadway cast member), **Jeremy Woodard** (original Broadway cast member), **Andre Ward** (original Broadway cast member), **Jenifer Foote** (recent Broadway cast member), **Cassie Silva** (recent Broadway cast member), **Tony LePage** (original Toronto cast member), and **Michael Minarik** (original Broadway cast member).

The show is written by **Chris D'Arienzo**, directed by **Kristin Hanggi** and choreographed by **Kelly Devine**. Scenic design is by **Beowulf Boritt**, costume design is by Tony Nominee **Gregory Gale**, lighting design is by **Jason Lyons**, sound design is by Tony Nominee **Peter Hylenski**, and projection design is by **Zachary Borovay**.

As previously announced, *ROCK OF AGES* has initiated a crowd-pleasing ticket program where being "Early to the Party" never felt so good. The earlier you purchase your tickets to Broadway's Best Party, the lower the price will be.

# **Detailed "Early to the Party" Pricing Information**

- Preferred Orchestra Seats: \$140.00 (Regardless of purchase date.)
- Select Orchestra and Mezzanine Seats: \$90.00 (If purchased more than 6 weeks prior to performance date.)
- Select Orchestra and Mezzanine Seats: \$100.00 (If purchased between 2 and 6 weeks prior to performance date.)
- Select Orchestra and Mezzanine Seats: \$120.00 (If purchased within 2 weeks prior to performance date.)
- Side Mezzanine rows G-J: \$70.00 (Regardless of purchase date) *All prices include a facility fee of \$2 per ticket.*

ROCK OF AGES is produced on Broadway and world-wide by Matthew Weaver, Carl Levin, Jeff Davis, Barry Habib, Scott Prisand and Relativity Media.

**ROCK OF AGES** is currently rocking the USA in its first National Tour starring **Constantine Maroulis**. An Australian production is also set to open at the Comedy Theatre, Melbourne in April 2011.

Tickets to performances at The Helen Hayes are currently on sale via Telecharge.com or by calling (212) 239-6200 (outside the NY metro area (800) 432-7250.) Tickets will be available in person at the Helen Hayes Box Office on February 28, 2011. The performance schedule will be Monday at 8pm, Tuesday at 7pm, Thursday at 8pm, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2pm & 8pm and Sunday at 3pm & 7:30pm.

### www.RockofAgesMusical.com

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## **BIOGRAPHIES:**

**DAN DOMENECH** (*Drew*): is proud to make his Broadway Debut in *Rock of Ages*. TBPAC: *Wonderland* (Ensemble), First National Tour: *Rock of Ages* (Swing), Pasadena Playhouse: *Sister Act the Musical* (Dinero), National/International Tour: *Rent* (Paul), MTW: *Altar Boyz* (Juan), Media Theater: *The Who's Tommy* (Tommy), TV/Film credits include: *No Strings Attached, Tropic Thunder, Step Brothers, Semi Pro, Viva Laughlin*, Fame 2009, DWTS.

**REBECCA FAULKENBERRY** (*Sherrie*) is from Bermuda and trained at Indiana University (USA) and the RSAMD (Scotland). Theatre credits include: Aunt Dan and Lemon (The Royal Court), The Shape of Things (RADA), High School Musical 2 (original cast – Fox Theatre), High School Musical (original London cast

Hammersmith Apollo), The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe (West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds), The Royal Family and The Mikado (Seaside Music Theatre), Smoke on the Mountain (Brown County Playhouse). TV/Film Credits include: "Doctors" (BBC1), The Maids (AandP Productions).

MiG AYESA (Stacee Jaxx). Born 12 January in Manila, Philippines. MiG's family moved to Sydney, Australia when he was aged 2, where he and his older brother Andrew were then raised. MiG attended St. Patrick's College, Strathfield and went on to study communications at Macquarie University, Sydney. During this time MiG was also a singer/songwriter forming several bands throughout the years, as he pursued his life-long dream of becoming a recording artist. At the age of 20, MiG landed an acting role that propelled his life on a very different course, taking him away from his studies and into acting in movies, theatre and television. In 2002, MiG and his wife Simone De La Rue, packed up their life and moved to London, England, UK in order to further pursue his dream of becoming a recording artist. In June 2005, while MiG was starring as 'Galileo Figaro' in Queen's smash hit musical We Will Rock You, he was chosen to appear on the CBS television series ROCKSTAR:INXS, which brought him to Los Angeles, California, USA. Shortly after the finale, MiG and his wife packed up their life again and moved to L.A., upon his securing a major record deal with music giant Universal Music Group. In December of 2006, MiG's self titled debut CD was released in the Phillippines, then in Australia the following month. Then with the addition of three originally penned tracks it was released in the United States and Canada in April of 2007. In September of 2007, after moving to New York City, MiG took off again to reprise his role as 'Galileo' for the International Tour of We Will Rock You. Along the way, MiG's debut CD continued to be released to coincide with the show's opening in each new territory (New Zealand, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Thailand). The video for She Loved was also released and is now being aired on MTV Asia and Channel V. In September of 2008, MiG appeared in Handel's Messiah Rocks, which was released on CD/DVD fall of 2009, as well as airing as a PBS-TV special across the USA. In October of 2009, MiG launched the 'call to arms' Global Campaign UNITED AS ONE, helping raise awareness and desperately needed funds to the people of the Philippines affected by Typhoon Ondoy. In January 2010, MiG made his Broadway debut in Burn The Floor, as well as in the months thereafter touring with the show to Australia, Japan, Korea, Canada, and USA. www.mig-music.com.

ADAM DANNHEISSER (Dennis) Broadway: Cymbeline, The Coast of Utopia, Proof, Twelfth Night, The Tempest. National Tour of Contact (Ovation Award nomination). Off- Broadway: Henry V, Henry VIII, The Tempest, Macbeth (all with NYSF, Public Theater); The Arabian Nights (BAM), The Blues Are Running (MTC). Regional: Awake and Sing! (Arena Stage), Safe in Hell (Yale Rep.), The Provok'd Wife (ART), Beast on the Moon (Portland Stage). Film: Down to Earth, A Price Above Rubies. TV: "Damages," "Law and Order", "Brotherhood", "Third Watch", "Law and Order: CI", "Sex and the City", "Mad About You". MFA: NYU.

MITCHELL JARVIS (Lonny) Broadway: Fiddler... New York: The Rockea ("Pentheus"), The Watercoolers. Regional: The Full Monty ("Jerry"), Spitfire Grill ("Joe"), Sweeney Todd ("Toby"), Bus Stop ("Bo"), West Side Story ("Tony"/"Riff"). TV: "Law & Order: SVU", "Guiding Light", "All My Children". Founding member of the NY sketch comedy group, Honorable Mention.

MICHELE MAIS (Justice/Mother). Maisey created and has proudly played Justice in every incarnation of *Rock of Ages* since 2005. She appeared on Broadway in *Zoot Suit*, Hal Prince's *Roza* and toured nationally and internationally with *Godspell, One Mo' Time* and *Menopause the Musical*. She won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, a Garland, an Ovation nomination and the GLAAD Award for her work in *The Last Session*.

**PAUL SCHOEFFLER** (*Hertz*) Broadway *Sweet Charity* (Vidal), *Peter Pan* (Hook, filmed for A&E), Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere), *Cyrano* (Le Bret), *Nine*, *Victor/Victoria* and *Sunday in the Park with George*. Other NY credits Encores!concerts at Town Hall, numerous Off Broadway productions, national tours, lead roles at many regional theatres and overseas, television and extensive commercial work.

**JOSEPHINE ROSE ROBERTS** (*Regina/Candi*), an Otterbein College graduate from Cambridge, Ohio, is so excited to rock the Helen Hayes! Broadway: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. National tours: *Rock of Ages* Toronto (Regina), *Cats* 25th anniversary (Rumpleteazer), *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Regional: Utah Shakespeare Festival. TV: "PBS Kids!," "The Electric Company".