

RAVE REVIEWS FOR YALE REP'S WORLD PREMIERE OF

# POP!

A NEW MUSICAL BY MAGGIE-KATE COLEMAN AND ANNA K. JACOBS

DIRECTED BY MARK BROKAW

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 19 ONLY!

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE'S world premiere of *POP!*, with book and lyrics by **Maggie-Kate Coleman** and music by **Anna K. Jacobs**, directed by **Mark Brokaw**, is now playing through December 19 only. Here's a sampling of what the critics are saying:

VARIETY: "Filled with glamour, wit, intrigue, sex, and several pistols, *POP!* is **vibrant, hip, fresh, and a hell of a lot of fun**. A **dynamic** score with **smart and funny** lyrics performed with Factory precision and presence by an **outstanding** ensemble. Randy Harrison plays Warhol with terrific comic coolness."

THE NEW YORK TIMES: "**Stylish, cleverly conceived** with moments of **dizzy brilliance**, and **vividly performed** by an appealing young cast with a **zesty energy** that keeps up the adrenaline level. Maggie-Kate Coleman's lyrics, like her often funny book, reflect a deep grounding in the details of the period. Anna Jacobs's music effectively draws on a wide range of pop and musical-theatre sounds."

NEW HAVEN ADVOCATE: "Christmas has come early! I knew it had merit, but *POP!* turned out to be even deeper than I'd anticipated. Maggie-Kate Coleman's **irrepressible** wordplay floats atop Jacobs' **buoyant** and eclectic score. *POP!* crystallizes a single chapter of Warhol's life and makes it **transcendent**."

NEW HAVEN REGISTER: "**A bold, fresh musical**: exciting and inventive songs, a stylish production, and a triple-threat cast!"

HARTFORD COURANT: "**POP! delivers!** The cast is **terrific**: Leslie Kritzer is wonderful as Valerie. Emily Swallow is perfect as Viva. Cristen Paige is a dippy-doodle Edie with a piercing soprano."

CONNECTICUT POST: "**A wildly exuberant new musical!** A battery of fresh young voices recreates the world of Pop artist Andy Warhol. *POP!* does justice to the era and the icon, creating a **work of art in its own right**. Doug Kreeger and Danny Binstock are **impeccable**."

WMNR FINE ARTS RADIO: "**Sensational!** *POP!* generates enough electricity to light up the whole theatre. **Pulsing, powerful, and passionate**. Brian Charles Rooney's phenomenal performance as the transvestite Candy is a tour de force."

The cast of *POP!* is Danny Binstock, Randy Harrison, Doug Kreeger, Leslie Kritzer, Cristen Paige, Brian Charles Rooney, and Emily Swallow.

*POP!* features choreography by Denis Jones, musical direction by Lynne Shankel, sets by Valérie Thérèse Bart, costumes by Ying Song, lighting by Kevin Adams, sound by David Budries, projections by Tal Yarden, and orchestrations by Bruce Coughlin.