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**Valley Youth Theatre Presents
Broadway's "Grease"
August 13-29, 2004
At The Herberger Theater Center**

(Phoenix) – Take a musical trip back in time with the Rydell High Class of '59 when Valley Youth Theatre (VYT) presents one of the most popular Broadway musicals of all time, *Grease*, live at The Herberger Theater Center in downtown Phoenix (222 E. Monroe), August 13-29, 2004.

Grease opened on February 14, 1972 at the Eden Theatre, Off-Broadway and later moved to the Broadhurst Theatre on Broadway. By 1979 the show became the longest running Broadway musical of all time with 3,388 performances. The original production earned 12 Tony Award-nominations and received the award for Best Musical. Barry Bostwick (*Spin City*) and Adrienne Barbeau (*Maude*, HBO's *Carnival*) took home awards for best featured actor and actress for their portrayals of Danny and Rizzo. John Travolta, Richard Gere, Brooke Shields, Rosie O'Donnell, Megan Mullally (*Will and Grace*) and Linda Blair are among the stars that have appeared in *Grease*.

Thirty-one talented young actors from Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Glendale, Gilbert and Phoenix come together on The Herberger Theater stage for the hit Broadway musical ***Grease*, August 13-29, 2004**. Performance times are: Thursdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$14 - \$19 per person (plus Herberger Box office fees) and can be ordered through The Herberger Theater box office at 602-252-8497. For more information about Valley Youth Theatre visit us at www.vyt.com.

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit, professional theatre organization created to provide young people, age 7 to 19, with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company voted *The Rep's* "Best Place to Get Your Child Into Show Biz" in 2003, *Arizona Parenting* named VYT "Favorite Children's Theater" in 2003 by both the readers and editors of the magazine and received 13 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2002-2003 season.

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