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Flyer: The Musical Story of the Wright Brothers

Gladstone Theatre in the Park has received exclusive rights to the new musical *Flyer: The Musical Story of the Wright Brothers* from the familial creative team of Diana Belkowsky, Dan and Carl Tramon. (This trio definitely has their sights set on Broadway! Check out their web sites: www.flyerthemusical.com and www.rocketboysthemusical.com.)

Flyer is a sweeping and dramatic look into the conflicted lives of the Wright Brothers family. The message of *Flyer* is timeless, as the story is as much about the complex influences that nurture or inhibit potential as it is about a child's dream to fly.

This award-winning show was initially presented at the Lamb's Main-stage Theatre in NYC, followed by a week-long stay as part of North Carolina's NASA/Smithsonian 2003 *Festival of Flight*. In 2006, selected from many hundreds of submissions, *Flyer* was presented in abridged concert form at Oklahoma City University as part of their inaugural "Stripped" Musical Theatre Program, in association with NAMT (National Alliance for Musical Theatre). August 2009 saw *Flyer* soar into Delaware for a full Equity Stage production, followed by a special industry presentation at the esteemed Florence Gould Theatre in New York.

The musical comes to Gladstone Theatre in the Park via its stage manager Steve Emerson and director, Danielle Trebus. You may remember them as part of the production team from TIP's 2007 *Beauty and the Beast*. Steve has been *Flyer's* stage manager the last two times the musical was produced and requested special permission to produce it here in Gladstone.

With the Creative Team and the Theatre in the Park Board's overwhelming approval, this production will mark the Award Winning musical's Midwest Premier on the Ibsen Stage at the Amphitheatre in Oak Grove Park, Gladstone, Missouri, July 8, 9, 10, 2011.

For more information, please contact Gladstone Parks and Recreation at (816) 423-4085. Or view Gladstone Theatre in the Park website at www.gladstonetheatreinthepark.com