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Will they or won't they?

You'll just have to see "The Full Monty" at the Ivoryton Playhouse to find out!

IVORYTON: On July 1, 2009, The Ivoryton Playhouse opens the fourth show of their 2009 season *The Full Monty* - a musical with a book by Terrence McNally and score by David Yazbek.

In this American version, adapted from the 1997 blockbuster British film of the same name, six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers, low on both cash and prospects, decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring company of Chippendales. As they prepare for the show, working through their fears, self-consciousness, and anxieties, they overcome their inner demons and find strength in their camaraderie.

The musical had its world premiere at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. After 35 previews, the Broadway production, directed by Jack O'Brien and choreographed by Jerry Mitchell opened on October 26, 2000 at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre, where it ran for 770 performances.

Broadway veteran Terrence McNally who wrote the book for the musical said his adaptation is more than just a slavish copy of the story in the film. He said there were "certain things that I remember from the movie that I didn't want to do again in the theatre, I wanted to find a new way of looking at the same story".

The music and lyrics are the work of David Yazbek, a Broadway newcomer who once worked as a writer penning comedic gags for David Letterman.

Ivoryton's production is directed and choreographed by Larry Nye, a veteran director and teacher at Southern CT State University and musical directed by John DeNicola. The set is designed by Cully Long, costumes by Viviana Lamb and lighting by Tate Burmeister.

The Full Monty opens on July 1 and runs through July 26, 2009 for 4 weeks.

Performance times are Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2pm; Wednesday and

Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults; \$30 for seniors; \$20 for students and \$15 for children and are available by calling the box-office at 860-767-7318 or by visiting our website at www.ivorytonplayhouse.org <<http://www.ivorytonplayhouse.org/>> . (Group rates are available - call the box-office for information.) The Playhouse is located at 103 Main Street, Ivoryton, CT 06442

Adult language is used in this production

Members of the press are welcome at any performance - please call ahead for tickets.