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## MEDIA RELEASE

# 'HAIR' LETS THE SUN SHINE IN

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**WINNIPEG, MB** – If you missed **HAIR, The Rock Musical** at this year's Fringe Festival, don't pull your hair out. There will be two more performances of the critically acclaimed production at **The University of Winnipeg's Homecoming Event** this September.

**HAIR** – a **UWinnipeg Theatre Program** production that **sold out** several of its **10 shows** at the 2007 Fringe Festival – runs **Fri. Sept. 14 at 8:00 pm** and **Sat. Sept. 15 at 2:00 pm** at the **Prairie Theatre Exchange**. Tickets are only \$15 and are available by visiting <http://40th.uwinnipeg.ca>.

"This is not your typical musical," said **Doug Arrell, Chair of Theatre and Film** at UWinnipeg. "**HAIR** is a slice of the '60s and the issues still resonate with audiences today. Fringe audiences loved it. The energy the students create, combined with the music and the costumes, results in a natural high."

**UWinnipeg Theatre Program Director Kayla Gordon** assembled a cast of 16 fabulously talented individuals to create **HAIR, the Rock Musical** for the Fringe Festival stage. This musical was part of the advanced Musical Theatre Fringe Course offered at the university and the performances served as a final exam.

**HAIR**, which originally premiered on Broadway Oct. 17, 1967, braids the tale of a cross-section of young people in New York City's East Village who form a unique tribe that seeks to change the world. Brotherly love, sex, drugs and nudity all play a role in this infamous musical. Familiar hits from **HAIR** include "Aquarius", "Let the Sun Shine In" and "Good Morning Starshine" to name only a few.

The play is choreographed by Sofia Costantini and Brenda Gorlick; the musical director is Celoris Miller; the assistant musical director is Joseph Tritt; and the musicians are Ariel Posen, Jordan Hamilton and Michael Park.

**HAIR, the Rock Musical** is just one of the many activities celebrating **The University of Winnipeg's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming Reunion Weekend, Sept. 13-16, 2007**. To buy tickets for **HAIR** and the other Homecoming activities, please visit <http://40th.uwinnipeg.ca> and register today.

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