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## **BERKELEY REP EXTENDS GREEN DAY'S *AMERICAN IDIOT* – AGAIN!**

### **Two weeks added – Record-breaking show must close November 15**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 – Today, with two shows about to open on Broadway and the film of another coming to the Bay Area, the Tony Award-winning Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced another extension for its world premiere of Green Day's *American Idiot*. This hot show has sold out its original run and continues breaking records at Berkeley Rep: it is now the top grossing show in the Theatre's 41-year history with the biggest advance sale, the biggest day at the box office, and 18 of the top 20 days ever. Extended for three weeks even before it had its first performance, *American Idiot* now adds another two weeks – but the show must close on November 15! Tickets for all performances – including special shows at 6 PM and 10 PM on Saturdays, November 7 and 14 – are on sale now at (510) 647-2949 or [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org).

Green Day won two Grammys – Best Rock Album and Record of the Year – for its multi-platinum *American Idiot*, which sold more than 12 million copies worldwide. Now the band brings that explosive album to the stage with the director of *Spring Awakening*, which nabbed eight Tony Awards in 2007. *American Idiot* follows working-class characters from the suburbs to the city to the Middle East, as they seek redemption in a world filled with frustration – an exhilarating journey borne along by Green Day's electrifying songs. This high-octane show includes every song from the album, as well as several new songs from *21<sup>st</sup> Century Breakdown*. With an onstage band and 19 young performers, *American Idiot* premieres at Berkeley Rep, the playhouse that launched last year's provocative rock musical *Passing Strange*.

The show features the music of Green Day – vocalist/guitarist **Billie Joe Armstrong**, bassist **Mike Dirnt**, and drummer **Tré Cool** – along with Armstrong's lyrics. It is directed by Tony Award-winner **Michael Mayer**, who collaborated with Armstrong on the story. Berkeley Rep presents *American Idiot* in association with **Tom Hulce** and **Ira Pittelman**, the lead producers of *Spring Awakening*.

The production features choreography by Olivier Award-winner **Steven Hoggett** with Tony-winning composer **Tom Kitt** providing orchestrations, arrangements, and musical supervision. The design team includes Tony-nominee **Christine Jones** (sets), two-time Tony-winner **Kevin Adams** (lights), Baryshnikov fellow **Andrea Lauer** (costumes), and Obie Award-winner **Brian Ronan** (sound), as well as video designer **Darrel Maloney**. The music director is **Carmel Dean** and the associate choreographer is **Lorin Latarro**.

Tony-winning actor **John Gallagher, Jr.** plays Johnny, leading an ensemble of 19 young performers that also includes **Matt Caplan** as Tunny, **Michael Esper** as Will, and **Tony Vincent** as St. Jimmy with **Mary Faber** as Heather, **Rebecca Naomi Jones** as Whatsername, and **Christina Sajous** as the Extraordinary Girl.

*American Idiot* is supported by several contributors to Berkeley Rep's Annual Fund. **Bill Falik** and **Diana Cohen**, **John and Helen Meyer**, **Sally Smith** and **Don Burns**, the **Strauch Kulhanjian** Family, and **Felicia Woytak** and **Steve Rasmussen** serve as executive producers. The lead sponsor is **Levi's®**. The show is also sponsored by the **Phyllis C. Wattis Foundation**.

To **purchase tickets** for *American Idiot*, or for complete information on all upcoming shows, call Berkeley Rep's box office at (510) 647-2949 or toll-free at (888) 4-BRT-Tix – or just click [berkeleyrep.org](http://berkeleyrep.org).

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**AMERICAN IDIOT**  
FACT SHEET

**WHO:** Music by Green Day  
 Lyrics by Billie Joe Armstrong  
 Book by Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer  
 Directed by Michael Mayer

Featuring the work of Steven Hoggett (choreographer), Tom Kitt (orchestrations, arrangements, and musical supervision), Christine Jones (sets), Kevin Adams (lights), Andrea Lauer (costumes), Brian Ronan (sound), Darrel Maloney (video and projections), Carmel Dean (music director), and Lorin Latarro (associate choreographer)

Starring Declan Bennett; Andrew Call; Gerard Canonico; Matt Caplan; Miguel Cervantes; Michael Esper; Mary Faber; John Gallagher, Jr; Joshua Henry; Brian Charles Johnson; Rebecca Naomi Jones; Lorin Latarro; Omar Lopez-Cepero; Chase Peacock; Christina Sajous; Theo Stockman; Ben Thompson; Alysha Umphress; Tony Vincent; Morgan Weed; and Libby Winters

**WHAT:** *American Idiot*, the world premiere of a new show that unites the searing songs of Green Day with the director of *Spring Awakening*

**WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre  
 Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704

**WHEN:** Extended again – Must close November 15!

SUN	MON	TUE ■	WED	THU ■	FRI	SAT
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■ TASTING ■ DOCENT PRESENTATION 7PM

- Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays @ 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
- Saturdays @ 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- Sundays @ 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Special schedule for Saturday 11/7 & 11/14: 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

**Special Events:**

Pre-show docent talks: Tuesday 10/6, Thursday 10/1, and Thursday 10/8 @ 7:00 PM

Free tastings: Friday 10/2 @ 7:00 PM (Berkeley Farmers' Market), Saturday 10/3 @ 7:00 PM (Ale Industries), and Sunday 10/4 @ 6:00 PM (Meridian Restaurant)

**HOW MUCH: \$19 - \$95**

	Section B	Section A	Premium
10/1 - 10/11: Tue 8 PM / Wed 7 PM / Sat 2 PM .....	\$38	\$55	\$67
10/1 - 10/11: Thu 8 PM / Sun 2 PM / Sun 7 PM .....	\$42	\$61	\$72
10/1 - 10/11: Friday @ 8 PM .....	\$50	\$67	\$78
10/1 - 10/11: Saturday @ 8 PM .....	\$56	\$73	\$86
10/13 - 11/15: Tue 8 PM / Wed 7 PM / Sat 2 PM .....	\$45	\$55	\$73
10/13 - 11/15: Thu 8 PM / Sun 2 PM / Sun 7 PM .....	\$49	\$61	\$77
10/13 - 11/15: Friday @ 8 PM .....	\$56	\$67	\$85
10/13 - 11/15: Saturday @ 6, 8, or 10 PM .....	\$56	\$73	\$95

- Discounts:
- Half-price tickets available for anyone under 30 years of age (some restrictions)
  - Groups of 10 or more, contact 510.647.2918 or groups@berkeleyrep.org

**PHOTOS:** <http://www.berkeleyrep.org/press/photos-09ai.asp>

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