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**BERKELEY REP EXTENDS GREEN DAY'S *AMERICAN IDIOT*
THREE WEEKS ADDED – NOW PLAYING THRU 11/1**

Tickets for 24 new performances on sale to the public starting on 9/9

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 – Today, one day before the first performance of Green Day's *American Idiot*, Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced that it will extend the show due to record-breaking sales and unprecedented demand for seats. Originally scheduled to close on October 11, this hotly anticipated world premiere has been extended three weeks and will now play through Sunday, November 1. Tickets for these new performances go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, September 9. *American Idiot* begins previews tomorrow, kicking off Berkeley Rep's 2009/10 season in the state-of-the-art Roda Theatre.

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 *21st Century Breakdown*. With an onstage band and 19 young performers, *American Idiot* receives its world premiere at Berkeley Rep, the Tony-winning 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 being staged by Tony Award-winning director **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.

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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: September 4 – November 1, 2009

- 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
- No matinees on 9/5, 9/6, 9/12, or 9/13

Special Events:

Teen night: Friday 9/4 @ 6:30 PM
Green night: Tuesday 9/15 @ 8:00 PM
Press night: Wednesday 9/16 @ 8:00 PM
night/OUT (LGBT event): Thursday 9/17 @ 8:00 PM
30 Below (party for those under 30): Friday 9/18 @ 8:00 PM
Pre-show docent talks: Tuesdays 9/8, 9/22, 9/29 & 10/6 and Thursdays 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1 & 10/8 @ 7:00 PM
Post-play discussions: Thursday 9/17, Friday 9/25, and Tuesday 9/29 @ 8:00 PM
Free tastings: Fridays 9/18 (Ale Industries), 9/25 (Raymond Vineyards) & 10/2 (Berkeley Farmers' Market) @ 7:00 PM; Saturdays 9/19 (Kokomo Wines), 9/26 (Amanda's) & 10/3 (Ale Industries) @ 7:00 PM; and Sundays 9/20 (Venus), 9/27 (Angeline's) & 10/4 (Meridian) @ 6:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 7:00 PM	7	8 8:00 PM	9 7:00 PM	10 8:00 PM	11 8:00 PM	12 8:00 PM
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20 2:00 PM / 7:00 PM	21	22 8:00 PM	23 7:00 PM	24 8:00 PM	25 8:00 PM	26 2:00 PM / 8:00 PM
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PREVIEW
 TARGET® TEEN NIGHT
 GREEN NIGHT
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 30 BELOW
 POST-SHOW DISCUSSION
 TASTING
 DOCENT PRESENTATIONS EVERY TUE & THU 7PM

HOW MUCH: \$16 - \$95

	Section B	Section A	Premium
Previews	\$32	\$44	\$54
9/17 - 10/11: Tue 8 PM / Wed 7 PM / Sat 2 PM	\$38	\$55	\$67
9/17 - 10/11: Thu 8 PM / Sun 2 PM / Sun 7 PM	\$42	\$61	\$72
9/17 - 10/11: Friday @ 8 PM	\$50	\$67	\$78
9/17 - 10/11: Saturday @ 8 PM	\$56	\$73	\$86
10/13 - 11/1: Tue 8 PM / Wed 7 PM / Sat 2 PM	\$45	\$55	\$73
10/13 - 11/1: Thu 8 PM / Sun 2 PM / Sun 7 PM	\$49	\$61	\$77
10/13 - 11/1: Friday @ 8 PM	\$56	\$67	\$85
10/13 - 11/1: Saturday @ 8 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>

TIX & INFO: (510) 647-2949 – berkeleyrep.org – (888) 4-BRT-Tix (toll-free)