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AMERICAN PREMIERE OF SONDHEIM MUSICAL
O'ROURKE THEATRE
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REPORTS

that the Pegasus Players, a professional Chicago Theater company in residence at the O'Rourke Theater at Truman College, recently produced the American premiere of a musical written by Tony Award winning Broadway composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim; and

that the musical, "Saturday Night," was written by Mr. Sondheim in 1954, but never before produced because of the untimely death of its original producer and the quick rise in popularity of other Sondheim works; and

that Pegasus Manager John Economos and Director Arlene Crewdson have successfully produced 9 other Sondheim shows in Pegasus Players' 20-year history; and


that Pegasus Players has been featured in The New York Times travel section as one of the two theaters never to be missed on a trip to Chicago, and was selected by Chicago Tribune readers as the second best theater company in the City behind only the Steppenwolf Theater; and

that Mr. Sondheim was convinced to let Pegasus Players produce "Saturday Night" in the United States after the musical had its London premiere in 1998 and helped rewrite the script and compose two new songs for the Pegasus production; and

that Mr. Sondheim's longtime collaborator, Jonathan Tunick, orchestrated the music for the production; and that Mr. Sondheim himself spent a day at the O'Rourke Theater helping fine tune the production; and

that "Saturday Night" gained national and international attention, being very favorably reviewed by the Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Tribune, The New York Times, Time magazine and the International Herald Tribune.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chancellor

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