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**BAY STREET PLAYERS Continues its award-winning 34th Season with
THE FULL MONTY– The Musical
February 6, 2009 – March 1, 2009**

February 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28 at 8PM

February 8, 15, 22, 28, March 1 at 2:30PM

(Eustis, FL)... Bay Street Players continues its award-winning 2008-2009 season with the Tony Award nominated crowd pleasing musical, *The Full Monty*. *The Full Monty* opens Friday, February 6, 2009 and runs four weekends closing March 1, 2009 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Eustis. The production is sponsored by **Nicholas Galos**, in honor of **Anastasia Galos**, and **United Arts of Central Florida**.

A group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo, New York, frustrated with life, women, and lack of work decide that regardless of looks, ability or anything else, they are determined to replenish their empty wallets and boost their morale by becoming the best Chippendale-like dancers Buffalo has ever seen. In the process they find renewed self-esteem, the importance of friendship and the ability to have fun. **This revealing musical comedy with tremendous heart contains adult situations and language.**

Based on the popular Academy Award nominee for Best Picture, this rousing musical comedy with book by **Terrence McNally** (*Ragtime*, *Master Class*) and music and lyrics by **David Yazbek** (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*) received 10 Tony Award nominations including Best Musical during its Broadway run.

Artistic Director **David Clevinger** designed and directed the production. His team includes: **Jim Rhinehart**, Musical Director; **William Dumas**, Lighting Designer; **Patrick Adams**, Costume Designer; and **Tara Whitman**, Choreographer.

The cast includes seasoned performers and newcomers to the Bay Street stage: **Rick Breese** (*Jerry*), **Christopher Davies** (*Malcolm*), **Rod Harris** (*Harold*), **Kevin Jenness** (*Ethan*), **James Meadows** (*Dave*), and **Michael Morman** (*Horse*). Michael Morman was recently awarded **Best Actor** at the Florida Theatre Conference this November for his portrayal of *Hoke* in BSP's production of **Driving Miss Daisy**.

Other featured actors include: **Heather Good**, (*Vicki*), **Debra Sussman** (*Georgie*), **Regina Mancino** (*Jeanette*), **Michael Dean Kanago** (*Keno*), **Melissa-Marie Holmes** (*Pam*), **Kris Wiley** (*Joanie*), **Susan Mulholland** (*Susan*), **Mariah Phillips** (*Estelle*) and BSP's Young People's Theatre student, **Nick Mazzini** (*Nathan*).

The Full Monty, The Musical

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The Full Monty, the Musical runs four weekends starting February 6 and closing March 1. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinee performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Also, there is one Wednesday performance on February 25 at 8:00p.m., and one Saturday matinee performance on February 28 at 2:30 p.m. Patrons attending the opening night production on February 6 are invited to a reception with the cast following the performance.

Tickets are \$18.00 except on Wednesday or Thursday when they are \$15.00. Call the Box Office at 352.357.7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org to purchase tickets online. Group discounts, multi-pass season tickets and gift certificates are available. The Box Office is located at the historic State Theatre, 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis and it is open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Feed the body and the soul! During the run of *The Full Monty*, Bay Street Players will be collecting non-perishable food donations for **United Way** and **Anthony House**. The items will be distributed directly to food banks throughout Lake and Sumter counties and will help community members in need. Patrons are invited to bring a non-perishable item to the performance or to drop it off at the box office Monday-Friday 1:00-6:00PM.

Bay Street Players is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit community theatre celebrating 34 seasons of live theatre in the historic 1922 State Theatre in downtown Eustis.

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