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TOP GUN! CLEARED FOR ONE MORE FLY-BY!

The TG!TM Co-op is thrilled to announce that due to audience and critical acclaim ***Top Gun! The Musical*** has **been extended to Sunday, June 29th, 2003.** Philip Akin will join the cast in the role of "The General" (replacing David Collins) for the extension week.

★★★★ "Top Gun! The Musical **has the right musical stuff...** It's hours after the curtain, and I'm still humming the final number, "You Can Ride My Tail." When's the last time that happened at a Canadian musical?" - Richard Ouzounian, Toronto Star

★★★★ "Top Notch! ... an unabashedly cliché-ridden script, enlivened by plenty of laughs and a score that ranges from the sublime to the ridiculous, although it is, in the main, just **sublimely ridiculous**" – John Coulbourn, Toronto Sun

★★★ "Set backstage during the disastrous rehearsals for an adaptation of that 1986 Tom Cruise movie, *Top Gun!* is a satire of the mega-musical that **has its target firmly in its sights**"
– Kate Taylor, Globe and Mail

NNN "Fine performers fuel remount of satiric musical...**lots of laughs**" – Glenn Sumi, NOW Magazine

★★★ "sassy...**a delicious political twist**" – Kamal Al-Solaylee, eye weekly

"It's a hoot...**I loved it!**" – Lynn Slotkin, CBC Radio

Philip Akin makes his musical debut in ***Top Gun! The Musical***, but is no stranger to the American military. Philip recently played a General in the Hollywood blockbuster *The Sum of All Fears*. He was last seen on stage in *New World* (Tarragon) and *Stephen and Wilde* (Theatre Calgary). He is currently the Administrative Producer of the Obsidian Theatre Company. Philip joins the stellar musical / theatre cast including **Drew Carnwath, Dmitry Chepovetsky, Steven Gallagher, Alison Lawrence, Racheal McCaig** and **Mary Francis Moore**. Written by **Denis McGrath**. Music by **Scott White**. Directed by **Colin Viebrock**.

Top Gun! The Musical's website (including press photos and bios) is at www.topgunthemusical.com

TG!TM Co-op presents **TOP GUN! THE MUSICAL**
EXTENDED TO JUNE 29TH, 2003

Special Extension Week Times/Prices: Wednesday & Thursday @ 8pm: \$20
Friday @ 8 pm: \$25 / Saturday @ 8 pm: \$30
Sunday @ 2 pm: Pay What You Can at the door, \$15 in advance
(Please note: no Tuesday or late-night Saturday show during the extension week).

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