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School Press Release

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Carroll Senior High School Selected One of Six Pilot Productions Of The Phantom of the Opera

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will come to Carroll Senior High School in the fall of 2007. R&H Theatricals, a division of The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization, has selected CSHS as one of six pilot productions of Andrew Lloyd Webber's acclaimed musical in anticipation of its eventual release into the community, regional and school theatrical market.

"While there are no plans at this time to release PHANTOM to the stock and amateur market, we want to be fully prepared for when that great day arrives," said Charlie Scatamacchia, Vice President for R&H Theatricals. "What we learn from the production at Carroll Senior High School and five other sites we've chosen will help us with the process of bringing the longest running musical in Broadway history to theaters across the country."

Working from the very same script and score that is currently being enacted every night on Broadway, in London's West End, and on U.S. National Tour, the production here at Carroll Senior High School along with the five other pilot productions will provide R&H Theatricals with the roadmap for future local stagings of PHANTOM across America.

Based on the novel *Le Fantôme de l'Opéra* by Gaston Leroux, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Charles Hart and Richard Stilgoe. Its world premiere occurred at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, in October of 1986, where it is still playing. It subsequently opened on Broadway at the Majestic Theater in January 1988, where it is also still playing, making it the longest-running show in Broadway history.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA has been produced in hundreds of cities in more than 20 countries around the world, and seen by an estimated worldwide audience of 80 million people to date. It has received more than 50 major theatre awards, among them seven Tony Awards

including Best Musical. In 2004 it was made into a major feature film directed by Joel Schumacher. For more information on the history of the musical, visit the official website of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA at www.thephantomoftheopera.com.

Roald and Stacie Martinsen, Carroll Theatre Department Co-Directors, will direct the Carroll Senior High School production, with musical direction by Chris Hutchison.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for both our school and our community," said Dr. Daniel B. Presley, CSHS Principal. "Carroll is honored to participate in this historic event. I am certain that R&H Theatricals and the authors of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will be very proud of the Carroll production, and I know that the Southlake and Dallas-Fort Worth communities will embrace it."

The production will open Friday, November 30, 2007 at the Carroll Senior High School Auditorium. Production details will be announced soon.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Audition Information Meeting – Singers, dancers and actors needed!

There will be an audition information meeting for students and parents on Sunday, August 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Carroll Senior High School Student Activity Center.

Actual Audition Dates - Monday, August 27 through Thursday, August 30 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the Carroll Senior High School Auditorium.

For more information, contact the Communications & Marketing Department at 817-949-7080.