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## THE SEARCH FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE BEARS FRUIT ON WINNIPEG SOUNDSTAGE

March 4, 2009 – Winner of 5 Tony Awards on Broadway including Best Actor, *Pippin: The Musical* will be produced by Gray Academy of Jewish Education high school students from March 24-26, 2009.

**“AN EYE-POPPING EXTRAVANGANZA”** - LA Herald Examiner

*Pippin* is the story of a young prince who longs to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of battlefield; the temptations of flesh; and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father King Charlemagne the Great). In the end, he finds it in the simple pleasures of home and family.

This hip, tongue-in-cheek, anachronistic fairy tale captivated Broadway audiences and continues to appeal to the young at heart everywhere (the show has been a staple on high school and college campuses). The energetic, pop-influenced score by three-time Oscar winning composer/lyricist Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell* and *The Prince of Egypt*) bursts with one show-stopping number after another, from soaring ballads to infectious dance numbers.

Featuring a strong ensemble cast and show-stealing song and dance narrators, Gray Academy's production of *Pippin* personalizes original director/choreographer Bob Fosse's splashy, dance-driven spectacle, which included some of the most brilliant staging in Broadway history.

"I enjoyed discovering the personality and voice of Gray Academy when directing this musical. *Pippin* has been re-invented in several versions and formats. This one, I am proud to say is our version of a young prince searching for the meaning of life," said Miriam Bronstein, Director.

Under the direction of Miriam Bronstein, the musical will be held at the **Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain from Tuesday, March 24 – Thursday March 26 at 7 pm, with a 10:30 am matinee on March 26.** Ticket prices are \$10, with a silver collection for the matinee. Tickets can be purchased by calling 477-7410.

The Pippin logo for the production was designed by Grade 10 student Ilana Elbaze.

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For further information about the production and/or to interview the Director, Production team and cast, please contact:

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