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**New York Musical Theatre Festival & Hip Ship Productions
in Association with David Leidholdt present**

PERFORMANCES

Thursday September 14 8:00 pm
Saturday September 16 4:30 pm
Monday September 18 4:30 pm
Monday September 18 8:00 pm
Tuesday September 19 8:00 pm
Friday September 22 10:00 pm



FEATURING

Gregory Guy Gorden	Kathy Deitch
Edward M. Barker	Enrique Cruz DeJesus
Brian Barry	Reggan Holland
James E. Becton	Lauren Lebowitz
Amy Coleman	Kenny Wade Marshall

The 45th Street Theatre
354 West 45th Street, New York, NY

August 28, 2006...New York, NY...Welcome aboard the Magical "Hip Ship", home of CAPTAIN GRAVY'S WAVY NAVY. On September 14-22 at the New York Music Theatre Festival, you are invited on a Sergeant Pepper-style psychedelic adventure about Captain Gravy's quest to save the world from the evil Mu Pollu. A wickedly funny, upbeat show about environmentalism; appropriate for all ages. You can sample the catchy pop score at www.captaingravy.com.

The invitation to the NYMF Festival marks the second New York production for co-creators Jeff Katz of New Orleans and David Cooper of Nashville. For the past five years in NYC, they have worked in a creative partnership developing projects for the music industry, stage, publishing and the world wide web. David plays in the band 46bliss, whose songs have recently appeared on TV shows such as Veronica Mars and CSI:NY. Jeff's creative work for Saatchi and Saatchi Worldwide earned numerous awards. He recently moved back to New Orleans

Multi-award winning director Elizabeth Lucas' short movie musical "Isabella Rico" has appeared in over 30 festivals. She has directed at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City and is currently developing a feature-length movie musical. Elizabeth is teaming up with co-founding producer of the New York Musical Theatre Festival David Leidholdt (producer) to bring the colorful Wavy Navy back to the stage. Choreographer Maurice Brandon Curry has directed, choreographed and produced events such as the Michael Awards for the Fashion Industry and videos for Diana Ross and Prince.

Gregory Guy Gorden (Theatre Under the Stars) leads a cast that features Kathy Deitch (Wicked, Footloose), Kenny Wade Marshall (Pirates of Penzance), Brian Barry (CATS, Radio City Christmas Spectacular), Enrique Cruz DeJesus (National tours of Dreamgirls, Jesus Christ Superstar), Amy Coleman (The Last Session, Beehive), Reggan Holland, Lauren Lebowitz, James Edward Becton and Edward M. Barker (Goodspeed, Kennedy Center). Rachel Miller (Canine Mutiny Court Martial) will provide stage management.

The New York Musical Theatre Festival, now in its third year, is a three-week event in NYC that has premiered over 70 musicals in its first two years, becoming the largest musical theatre event in American history. Hailed as "the Sundance of Musical Theatre," it is now widely regarded among the entertainment industry as the key source for new material and talent discovery. NYMF is a flagship program of the National Music Theater Network, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is produced in association with New World Stages, Playbill and Points.com and proudly supported by amNewYork, Balducci's, Frank & Camille's Fine Pianos, Gibson, Ize, King Displays, Manhattan Living, Niaterra Arts and Entertainment, the Production Resource Group, one Dream Sound, Receptasign, Rosco, Tekserve, Verizon Wireless, the Village Voice, Virgin Megastores and WNYC in partnership with Ars Nova, Big City Graph-X, Broadway.com, Broadwayworld.com, HX Magazine, TheMENevent.com, Met Photo, Panasonic Astrovision and TheaterMania.com. NYMF is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency.

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