

Press Release

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Award Winning JOHNNY GUITAR Rides into Theater Works on March 12th

This spring Theater Works proudly presents the award winning musical JOHNNY GUITAR. Awarded as off-Broadway's Best Musical in 2004 by the Outer Critics Circle, JOHNNY GUITAR is a tuneful, laugh-filled musical comedy that embraces and sends up fifties-style movie acting, melodramatic romance, and rough-and-tumble cowboy action set in the American southwest. Running from March 12th – March 28th on the Main Stage, JOHNNY GUITAR will delight audiences with its musical scores and cowboy action.

Directed by Steve Hilderbrand, JOHNNY GUITAR features a sensational score with echoes of doo-wop songs and steamy southwestern ballads. The musical JOHNNY GUITAR is based on the cult film classic starring Joan Crawford. It tells the tale of Vienna, a sultry saloon keeper and her jealous nemesis Emma, the town's tycoon. When Johnny Guitar, a handsome stranger with a secret past, rides into town and faces off with Vienna's lover, the hot-headed Dancin' Kid, the stage is set for a hilarious showdown unlike anything the Old West, or the theatre-has ever seen!

Join us for a wonderful night of theater and celebration on the opening night of March 12th with a post reception catered by Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar. Tickets are now on sale both online at www.theaterworks.org and at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. The Box Office is open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily and may be reached at 623-815-7930. JOHNNY GUITAR runs March 12th to March 28th, with evening performances Thursday – Saturday and matinee performances on Sunday. Tickets are only \$29.00 for adults and \$19.00 for students (prices include service and processing fees). Theater Works is located in the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts (the theater with the copper roof) at 8355 W Peoria Avenue, Peoria.

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