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### **Gin. Skin. Sin. Fun.**

#### **Dominion Stage presents *The Wild Party***

ARLINGTON, VA. The cold Winter weather of January will melt away when Dominion Stage mounts the sexy, dark and sizzling musical, *The Wild Party*. Based on the classic poem by Joseph Moncure March, the show includes music and lyrics by Michael John LaChiusa. The book adaptation for the stage was penned by LaChiusa and George C. Wolfe. The local production is under direction of Producer David M. Moretti, Director William D. Parker, Music Directors John-Michael d'Haviland and William D. Parker, Choreographer Catherine Oh and Stage Manager Joan A.S. Lada.

Manhattan decadence in the 1920s provides the backdrop for this tough musical fable. Queenie, a vaudeville chorine, hosts the blow-out of the title with her vicious lover, a black-face minstrel. The guests are a vivid collection of the unruly and the undone including Queenie's conniving rival, a cocaine-sniffing bisexual playboy, a washed-up boxer, a black brother act, a diva of indeterminable age and infinite life experience, the fresh-off-the-farm ingénue whose naiveté quickly evaporates, a lesbian actress and her comatose girlfriend, and the bargain basement Valentino who catches Queenie's roving eye. The jazz and gin soaked party rages to a mounting sense of threat as artifice and illusion are stripped away. When midnight debauchery leads them to tragedy at dawn, the high-flying characters land with a sobering thud, reminding us that no party lasts forever.

*The Wild Party* is intended for mature audiences. There are many adult situations and brief nudity.

*The Wild Party* will run weekends beginning on January 11 through January 27, 2008. Fridays and Saturdays evening performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees on January 20 and 27 are at 2:30 p.m.; All shows are at the Gunston Arts Center - Theater One, located at 2700 S. Lang Street in Arlington. Prices for tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors and juniors; Group discounts are available Seating is General Admission; Reservations can be made online or by calling (703) 683-0502.

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