



Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre

1331 W. Fargo #2N, Chicago IL 60626

P: 773.370.0235

www.theoubique.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THEO UBIQUE CABARET THEATRE SWEEPS THE JEFFS Threepat for Fred Anzevino Repeats for Maggie Portman, Brenda Didier and Ryan Brewster

Chicago, June 8, 2010 -- Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre in association with Michael James swept the Jeff Awards Non-Equity last night with its spring production of *Chess*. It led in all categories as a multiple recipient with its 7 awards for *Chess*—the most for any theatre company, the most for a single production and the only individual to receive two awards.

Fred Anzevino received his third consecutive direction award for a musical production, starting in 2008 with *Cabaret*, 2009 with *Evita* and now this year with *Chess*. Anzevino co-directed *Chess* with Brenda Didier, who received both direction and choreography awards. Didier's unique choreography is well known, but this is her first time to direct.

It is the second straight year Theo Ubique received the best musical production nod, last year for *Evita* and this year for *Chess*. Other *Evita* and *Chess* repeaters are Didier for choreography, Maggie Portman for principal actress in a musical and Ryan Brewster for music direction. Also garnering Jeff Awards for *Chess* are Courtney Crouse for principal actor in a musical and John B Leen for supporting actor in a musical.

"This production of *Chess* is one of my proudest achievements because of the wonderful group of directors, actors and crew who came together to create such a complex show," said Fred Anzevino, Theo Ubique's co-founder and artistic director. "I love the music, and with the help of Brenda's vision and the outstanding talents of every member of the ensemble, saw this show come to life beyond my expectations."

Chess, not previously produced in Chicago for 20 years, closed April 25 and was sold out for most of the run. "If I could find a way to bring the same people back together, I'd love to remount this production of *Chess*, so the many people who missed it the first time around could experience it," Anzevino added.

Last year, Theo Ubique received six Jeff Awards for its production of *Evita*. The theatre company now has received a total of 25 Jeff Awards since the 2001-2002 season.

###

**JEFF AWARD RECIPIENTS
for Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre
in association with Michael James**

Production – Musical	Chess
Director – Musical	Fred Anzevino and Brenda Didier - Chess
Actress in a Principal Role - Musical	Maggie Portman – Man of La Mancha
Actor in a Principal Role – Musical	Courtney Crouse – Chess
Actor in a Supporting Role – Musical	John B Leen - Chess
Choreography	Brenda Didier
Music Direction	Ryan Brewster

For additional information:
Martha Hudak at mhudak@theo-u.org
847.763.9201

Founded in 1997 by Fred Anzevino, Artistic Director, Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre is a Rogers Park-based cabaret-theatre company. It initially began performing at the Heartland Studio, producing an array of straight drama, comedy and musicals, and in 2004 started the cabaret-theatre trend in the Chicago area when it began producing musicals and revues at Michael James' No Exit Café—its home since then. During its 12-year history, Theo Ubique has produced more than 30 productions and received 18 Jeff Awards Non-Equity and 3 After Dark Awards. The name Theo Ubique (pronounced thee-oh oo-bah-kway) is a combination of Greek and Latin words reflecting the company's mission to engage actors and audiences in an intimate and honest conversation with great theatrical works. Visit the web site at www.theoubique.org.