



## Virginia Stage Company Announces Its 2010-2011 Season, including the World Premiere of *SCKBSTD, A New Musical by Bruce Hornsby*

Virginia Stage Company will produce the world premiere of *SCKBSTD, A New Musical by Bruce Hornsby* as part of its 2010-2011 season, VSC Artistic Director Chris Hanna announced today. The production will be part of VSC's American Soil Project, the Company's multi-year new play development project that explores the cultural fabric of southeastern Virginia.

In its 32nd season as a LORT Theater Company, VSC will partner with Michael Rafael and David A. Riemer of Spiral Staircase LLC on this production, the first musical by multi-Grammy Award winner and Virginia native Hornsby, along with fellow creators and Virginians Chip deMatteo and Clay McLeod Chapman.

"Hornsby's project has long been a dream in the making for us that is now becoming a compelling reality," said Hanna. "We've planned a lineup of fantasy projects and productions that are all miraculously coming together in our 32nd season."

Two world premieres, contemporary blockbusters and a traditional favorite are included in VSC's dynamic season lineup:

***The Diary of Anne Frank*** Sept. 21-Oct. 10, 2010  
By Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett,  
Adapted by Wendy Kesselman

A young girl's hand-written journal lives today as one of the most personal and gripping records of the Holocaust. Reflecting Anne Frank's hopes and dreams as a maturing young woman, this new adaptation speaks to a new generation.

***The New Pink - An Implausible Comedy*** Oct. 26-Nov. 14, 2010  
by Chris Hanna  
**WORLD PREMIERE** - When the "new economy" wipes out their retirement funds, a desperate middle-class couple comes up with a wild plan to live out their golden years in comfort.

***SCKBSTD, A New Musical by BRUCE HORNSBY*** Jan. 18-Feb. 6, 2011  
Music & Lyrics by Bruce Hornsby,  
Additional Lyrics by Chip deMatteo, Book by Clay McLeod Chapman  
**WORLD PREMIERE** - After a stranger moves into a small town and starts cruising the streets in his Dodge, the rumors fly. The next play in VSC's American Soil project, Hornsby's haunting melodies and words continue the Company's exploration of life in southeastern Virginia.

***The Last Five Years*** Feb. 22-Mar. 13, 2011  
Written and Composed by Jason Robert Brown  
In this new musical, time is relative as a young couple's story plays out backwards and forwards, from two different points of view. The rich musical score incorporates classical, jazz, pop, Latin and rock styles, and has critics likening Brown to a present-day Sondheim.

***Radio Golf*** Mar. 29-Apr. 17, 2011  
by August Wilson  
Harmond Wilks could become Pittsburgh's first African-American mayor -- unless secrets from the past derail him. *Radio Golf* joins *Fences* and *The Piano Lesson* in August Wilson's award-winning ten-play cycle exploring African-American life in the 20th Century.

Media Release

For immediate release, January 21, 2010 - Contact: Marilyn Johnson, Director of Marketing 757-627-6988 x343  
mjohnson@vastage.com

Chris Hanna,  
Artistic Director  
Keith Stava  
Managing Director  
P.O. Box 3770  
Norfolk, VA 23514  
P: 757-627-6988  
F: 757-628-5958  
www.vastage.com

-- more --



# Media Release

For immediate release, January 21, 2010 - Contact: Marilyn Johnson, Director of Marketing, 757-627-6988 x343  
mjohnson@vastage.com

Chris Hanna,  
Artistic Director  
Keith Stava  
Managing Director  
P.O. Box 3770  
Norfolk, VA 23514  
P: 757-627-6988  
F: 757-628-5958  
www.vastage.com

## ***A Christmas Carol***

By Charles Dickens

Nov. 30-Dec. 24, 2010

**HOLIDAY EXTRA** – Ebenezer Scrooge and his travels with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future reawaken the spirit of Christmas in all of us. This timeless tale is a heartwarming tradition.

VSC's five show season subscriptions are available from \$75 to \$190. For more information on subscriptions, contact the Box Office at (757) 627-1234 or log on to [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com).

Virginia Stage Company is Hampton Roads' only fully professional resident theater company, serving an audience of nearly 90,000 yearly. VSC has made significant contributions to the quality of life in the region: presenting more than 185 plays through more than 3,700 performances; revitalizing and renovating the historic Wells Theatre; providing educational programs for students of all ages; and preserving the legacy of live theater for future generations.

###