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THE BOYS UPSTAIRS

By Jason Mitchell

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Presented as part of the 2009 New York International Fringe Festival

Justin Allen Pifer, in association with The Present Company, presents the World-Premiere of **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** – Jason Mitchell's new comedy about and sex, dating, friendship and all the blurry lines in between – as part of the 13th Annual New York International Fringe Festival with five performances only, between August 14-30 at the SoHo Playhouse (15 Vandam Street) in Manhattan.

Sex, Dating, Friendship, and all the blurry lines in between - **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** is a New York story that invites you upstairs to the fabulous living room of group of Hell Kitchen gay boys who handle relationships, careers, and the city with style, scandal, and specialty cocktails!

Directed by Matthew Corozine, **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** cast features: Nic Cory (last seen Off-Broadway in **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**), Joel T. Bauer (Theatreworks USA production of **DR. DOLITTLE**, **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at the McCarter Theatre), Kristen-Alexander Griffith ("Angel" in the National Tour of **RENT**, and "Judah" in the National Tour of **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT**), Josh Segarra (PBS Series "The Electric Company,"), and David A. Rudd (2008 Int. Fringe Festival's **THE FABULOUS KANE SISTERS: BOX OFFICE POISON**; "Growing Up Gotti")

The design team for **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** is Justin Couchara (Scenic & Costume Design), Nick Gonsman (Lighting & Sound Design), and Abbi Stearn (Associate Costume Design).

On Monday, July 27th at 7:00pm at Soho House (29-35 Ninth Avenue) the producers of **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** will hold a benefit party with an open bar and passed appetizers; music by D.J. Steven Paul, live performances by Broadway's Marty Thomas, and others TBA; and a sneak-peak at **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS**. Tickets for **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** benefit party at Soho House on July 27th will be \$45, and for more information and to arrange tickets please call 917-686-8042 or email JasonMitchellNY@aol.com.

Playwright Jason Mitchell's credits include **THE RED BOX** – a full-length play that deals with homosexual persecution in the Holocaust and post-camp life of homosexual Holocaust survivors – which had an AEA showcase production directed by Tesha Buss and produced by Sara Katz; and **THE BOYS UPSTAIRS** – which had a Fall 2008 staged reading directed by Christopher Gattelli and starred Michael

Arden, Tyler Maynard, Colin Hanlon, Stephen Bienskie and David A. Rudd. Jason graduated magna cum laude with a B.F.A in Theatre from the University of Florida.

Director Matthew Corozine is the Artistic Director of Matthew Corozine Studio Theatre, Inc., a 40 seat theatre in Times Square. Favorite NYC directing credits include: THE MAIDENS PRAYER by Nicky Silver (Beckett Theatre, Theatre Row), CRIMES OF THE HEART, THE SHADOW BOX and the NYC premier of CONFESSIONS OF A MORMON BOY. In January 2009, Italian Vogue (L'UOMO VOGUE) selected and featured Matthew as one of eight "New York Icons", on a full page, in their Iconic People Edition.

Since arriving in New York a year ago, Producer Justin Allen Pifer has worked at The Producing Office – the producing entity behind RENT, AVENUE Q and IN THE HEIGHTS; has (and still currently) company manages THE AWESOME 80'S PROM Off-Broadway; and is currently on staff at The Road Company, an international theatrical booking agency specializing in Broadway Tours and other live engagements.

THE BOYS UPSTAIRS will perform at the SoHo Playhouse (15 Vandam Street) as part of the 13th Annual New York International Fringe Festival, on the following dates: Saturday, August 15 at 2:30pm; Sunday, August 16 at 12:30pm; Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00pm; Thursday, August 27 at 5:00pm; Friday, August 28 at 7:00pm. General admission tickets are \$15; advance tickets available online, beginning July 24, at www.fringenyc.org, or by calling 866-468-7619.

For more information on THE BOYS UPSTAIRS visit www.Fringenyc.org or www.TheBoysUpstairs.info.