

Sundance Award-Winning *happythankyoumoreplease* Returns to the Drexel for Public Debut

*Opening Night Appearance by Writer, Director, and Actor Josh Radnor and
Producer Jesse Hara*

After a one-night-only, sold-out preview screening on September 1, 2010, as part of the Friends of the Drexel's annual fundraising gala, the Sundance Award-winning *happythankyoumoreplease* returns to Columbus for its first public run at the Drexel Theatre. Two Bexley natives will also return and make a special appearance at the Friday, May 20, 7:30pm screening—Josh Radnor (“How I Met Your Mother”) who wrote, directed, and starred in the film and Jesse Hara who served as producer. They will introduce the film that evening and participate in a post-screening question and answer session.

The Drexel Theatre (2254 E. Main St.) presents *happythankyoumoreplease* starting Friday, May 20, for a limited engagement. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults. Screenings that start before 6pm, seniors, and students are \$6.50. Tickets are on sale now at www.drexel.net, the Drexel box office, or by phone at 614-231-1050. Running time 98 minutes; Rated R (language only); limited engagement.

About *happythankyoumoreplease*

On his way to a meeting with a publisher, aspiring novelist Sam Wexler (Radnor) finds Rasheen, a young boy separated from his family on the subway. When the quiet Rasheen refuses to be left alone with social services, Sam learns the boy has already been placed in six previous foster homes and impulsively agrees to let the boy stay with him for a couple days. Dropped into Sam's chaotic, bachelor lifestyle, Rasheen is introduced to Sam's circle of friends—Annie (Malin Akerman) who has an unhealthy pattern of dating the wrong men as well as an auto-immune disorder which has rendered her hairless, Mary-Catherine (Zoe Kazan) and Charlie (Pablo Schreiber) whose potential move to Los Angeles threatens their relationship, and Mississippi (Kate Mara), an aspiring singer/waitress who tests Sam's fear of commitment. When Sam's unexpected friendship with Rasheen develops, he realizes adulthood is not about waiting

for the right answers to get the life you want, but simply stumbling ahead and figuring them out in the process.

Featuring a brilliant young cast and music from breaking indie musicians, *happythankyoumoreplease* deftly captures the uncertainty and angst of what it is to be young, vulnerable, and desperate to find out who you are, or perhaps more importantly, who you want to be.

About Josh Radnor – Writer, Director, Actor (role of “Sam”)

Josh Radnor is perhaps best known for his role as Ted, the central character, on CBS' Emmy-nominated comedy “How I Met Your Mother,” but he has quickly established himself as a gifted writer and director as well. Radnor wrote, directed, and starred in his first feature film, *happythankyoumoreplease* that debuted at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and won the audience award for favorite US drama chosen by Sundance fans, as well as the Audience Award - Dramatic Feature at the Maui Film Festival.

In addition to film and television, Radnor has appeared in a number of plays, most recently starring in Joe Gilford's play, *Finks*, at the Powerhouse Theatre in Poughkeepsie, NY. He has also appeared in several Off-Broadway plays at the Vineyard Theater, Manhattan Theater Club, and the Blue Light Theater Company. He made his Broadway debut as the title character in *The Graduate* opposite Kathleen Turner and Alicia Silverstone.

His television credits include guest appearances on CBS' “Judging Amy,” CBS' “Welcome to NY,” NBC's “Miss Match,” NBC's “ER,” HBO's “Six Feet Under,” and NBC's “Law & Order.” He made his first film appearance in the original teen spoof, *Not Another Teen Movie*.

Radnor was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Kenyon College where he won the Paul Newman Acting Trophy and received his Masters of Fine Arts in acting from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He currently resides in Los Angeles.

About Producer Jesse Hara

Jesse Hara is a principle with Tom Sawyer Entertainment of Hollywood, an entertainment management and production company specializing in films, books, animation, digital media, and video games. Before joining Tom Sawyer in 2006, Jesse Hara worked as a manager with

Hopscotch Pictures. He was the producer on the Tom Sawyer Entertainment film *happythankyoumoreplease* written and directed by Josh Radnor. The film screened in official competition in Sundance 2010 and won the Audience Award for Dramatic Film.

Calendar Listing

THE DREXEL THEATRE presents *happythankyoumoreplease*

Friday, May 20, 11:30am, 1:40pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Saturday, May 21, 11:30am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Sunday, May 22, 11:30am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

Check for additional show times at www.drexel.net.

Drexel Theatre (2254 E. Main St.)

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Six New Yorkers juggle love, friendship, and the keenly challenging specter of adulthood. Sam Wexler (Josh Radnor) is a struggling writer who's having a particularly bad day. When a young boy gets separated from his family on the subway, Sam makes the questionable decision to bring the child back to his apartment, and thus begins a rewarding, yet complicated, friendship. Featuring a wryly funny script and engaging performances, Radnor's film captures a generational moment—young people on the cusp of truly growing up, struggling for connection, and hoping to define what it means to love and be loved. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults.

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