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Three Notorious Duos

What do Caroline Rose Hunt, Michael Jenkins and Jeff Calhoun have in common with the 2010 Curtain Call Gala celebration? Read on and you will find out. This 70th anniversary celebration of Dallas Summer Musicals will pay tribute to great names of the past while also introducing rising stars of Broadway to Dallas. Last month the story of the "Sweetheart of Broadway," Sutton Foster, was shared with you, and this month we introduce Jeff Calhoun, director of the star-studded evening on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Jeff's talent as a director, combined with his ability as a choreographer, has led to numerous Tony™, and Drama Desk™, nominations. His directing debut was *TOMMY TUNE TONIGHT*, and his collaboration with Mr. Tune led to the 1991 Tony™ for Best Choreography for *THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES*. He provided the musical staging for the hit Broadway musical *GREY GARDENS* and developed the first original ASL musical, *SLEEPING BEAUTY WAKES*, at the Kirk Douglas Theater. Both the world premieres and the domestic national tours of *DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL* were under the direction of Mr. Calhoun.

BIG RIVER, performed by the award-winning Deaf West Theater gave Broadway one of the most moving performances ever seen on stage as deaf performers, under Jeff's direction and choreography, signed the words of the music during one number to a silent theater. Everyone could hear the music through the hands of these talented actors. Last season Jeff continued his artistic collaboration with the Deaf West Theater in a production of *PIPPIN* at the Mark Taper Forum.

Michael Jenkins remembers a phone call from Jeff he shared while he was in Central Park in front of the monkey cages watching two unknown writers perform *BROOKLYN THE MUSICAL*. Together, Michael and Jeff nurtured the show to its Broadway debut and later toured the successful production through its US tour.

Back to our three duos and the link to Dallas: Michael and Jeff are working on the pre-Broadway production of *BONNIE AND CLYDE* by noted Broadway composer Frank

Wildhorn. Dallas knows well the story of the notorious bank robbing duo, but the story will be even more intriguing to Dallasites by the young actor cast in the role of Clyde. Stark Sands was chosen for the starring role, who is Caroline Rose Hunt's grandson.

What a combination of duos: Bonnie and Clyde, Hunt and Sands, Calhoun and Jenkins ... the three combinations should assure Dallas a return by Mr. Calhoun when, after its run on Broadway, *BONNIE AND CLYDE* will open its national tour here in Dallas.

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