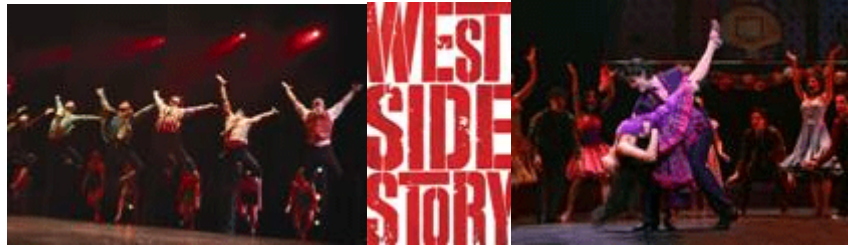


**CELEBRATES 1ST ANNIVERSARY
AT PALACE THEATRE**



**BEGINNING SECOND SMASH YEAR
ON BROADWAY**

The smash hit revival of **WEST SIDE STORY** celebrates its first anniversary on Friday, March 19, 2010, at Broadway's Palace Theatre (1564 Broadway) having begun previews Monday, February 23, 2009, and opened Thursday, March 19, 2009. **Karen Olivo** won a **2009 Tony Award** for her performance as "Anita," and the new Broadway cast album won the **2010 Grammy Award** for Best Musical Show Album. **WEST SIDE STORY** recouped its \$14 million investment after running only 30 weeks (247 performances), and a touring production is set to tour North America beginning in the fall of 2010.

WEST SIDE STORY is directed by its two-time Tony Award winning librettist **Arthur Laurents** with the original **Jerome Robbins** choreography restaged by Tony Award nominee **Joey McKneely**. The cast of 48 stars **Matthew Hydzik** and **Jeremy Jordan** as "Tony," **Josefina Scaglione** as "Maria," **Karen Olivo** as "Anita," **John Arthur Greene** as "Riff," **George Akram** as "Bernardo," **Steve Bassett** as "Lt. Schrank," **Joshua Buscher** as "Diesel," **Mike Cannon** as "Snowboy," **Kyle Coffman** as "A-Rab," **Sara Dobbs** as "Anybodys," **Wes Hart** as "Action," **Michael Mastro** as "Glad Hand," **Michael Rosen** as "Chino," **Lee Sellars** as "Krupke," **Ryan Steele** as "Baby John," **Greg Vinkler** as "Doc," **Mikey Winslow** as "Big Deal" and **Mark Zimmerman**.

Tickets for the Broadway production of **WEST SIDE STORY** at the Palace Theatre (1564 Broadway) are on sale at www.ticketmaster.com (212-307-4100) or at the Palace Theatre box office. **WEST SIDE STORY** plays Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Broadway ticket prices are \$121.50 - 46.50.