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**“AMERICAN IDOL” SENSATION ANWAR ROBINSON
AT THE ORPHEUM**

Finalist set to star as Tom Collins in production of *Rent*

MEMPHIS, TN. – “American Idol” Season 4 Finalist Anwar Robinson will be performing in the touring production of the Broadway musical *Rent*, live on stage at the Orpheum, November 23-24, 2007.

“American Idol” fans will remember Anwar as the music teacher who finished in Season 4’s Top 10, and the performer who Paula Abdul touted as “technically the best singer of the competition.”

Anwar has since gone on to release his first studio album entitled “The Truth About Love.” He has appeared and worked with musical icons like Clive Davis, Kelly Price, Byron Cage, and Patti Labelle. In *Rent*, he plays the role of Tom Collins, made famous by “Law and Order’s” Jessie L. Martin who originated the character on Broadway.

In its 12th season, *Rent* is the Tony Award-winning musical that inspired a 2005 Columbia Pictures film. It is a modern adaptation of Puccini’s opera *La Bohème* and follows the story of impoverished artists in New York’s East Village. *Rent* is the 7th longest running show in Broadway history.

Rent will run at The Orpheum Theatre on November 23rd at 8:00pm and November 24th at 2:00pm and 8:00pm. Tickets range from \$15-\$55 and can be purchased at the Orpheum Box Office, Davis-Kidd Booksellers and all Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (901) 525-3000 or (901) 743-ARTS, or go online at www.orpheum-memphis.com. Groups of 10 or more call 901-525-7800.

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