

## PRESS RELEASE

# PCTI Spring Musical Sparkles with “Celebration”

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** –Lights dimmed as curtains parted to reveal an elaborately dressed stage with multi-level scaffolding fit for a Broadway premier. Music swelled. Dancers emerged from below the stage to join Passaic County Technical Institute’s (PCTI) ensemble cast in the opening number of this year’s spring musical spectacular of *Celebration*.

The superb performance harkened to a post-apocalyptic world where the poor are just trying to survive. Enter Potemkin, a confidante who encourages the audience to celebrate every day: *carpe diem*. It’s when this rabble rouser encounters Orphan, a lost boy without parents, that the story truly begins to unfold.

The show ingeniously depicts the contrasts of cold and warmth, darkness and sunlight, which was portrayed by the characters of Mr. Rich, the wealthiest and unhappiest man in the world, and the fresh-faced Orphan whose dreams are just too grand to be squashed by reality. At its core *Celebration* is about embracing life and love, as seen with Orphan’s interest in the saucy and determined Angel, a young woman desperately trying to become “somebody.”

*Celebration* was a magnificent masterpiece filled with awe-inspiring talent. From the four lead actors who brilliantly carried the storyline, to the talented dancers and singers who provided a strong presence of high energy, artistic expression, and vocal performance, to the outstanding set design, lighting, audio and musical instrumentation, the show brought PCTI’s Performing Arts program to extraordinary new heights!

Guiding students along the pathway to success was Executive Producer Jeannie Holman, Directors Lynn E. Quinn and Douglas R. Smith, Assistant Student Director Rachel Bammel, and Choreographers Cassandra Roberts and Jennifer Ackerman.

Congratulations to all those who made PCTI’s spring musical an unforgettable experience!



**Photo Caption: PCTI performs *Celebration*, an allegorical winter’s tale written by Tom Jones and Harvey Shmidt.**