Musical 'Baby' Starts at Darien Arts Center Stage on April 21

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DAC Stage at Darien Arts Center is proudly presenting *Baby*, the musical, starting Friday, April 21. Audiences won't soon forget this story that examines how parents-to-be experience the emotional stresses and triumphs, as well as the desperate lows and comic highs that accompany the anticipation and arrival of a baby.

Three couples work their way towards parenthood under three very different circumstances. There are college students, barely at the beginning of their adult lives; thirty-somethings, having trouble conceiving but determined to try; and middle aged parents, looking forward to seeing their last child graduate from college when a night of unexpected passion lands them back where they started.

Billy Shubeck and Hilary Webster play the youngest couple in the production: Danny Hopper and Lizzy Fields, while Jeffrey Aldana and Danielle A. Valdes portray the thirty-somethings, Nick and Pam Sakarian.

The middle-aged couple consists of stage veteran Peter Green as Alan Mcnalley opposite Lisa Spielman as his wife Arlene. Ensemble roles include Jonathan Hall, Regina Elliott, Alison Soderquist, Beth Brandon, Michele Salustri, Julie Thaxter-Gourlay and Juan Londoño.

The spring production is directed by Carin Zakes and produced by Nova Hall, with musical direction by Dwayne Condon.

Performances are on April 21, 22, 28, 29 and May 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., and April 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. in the DAC Weatherstone Studio.

Baby, by Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire, is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Tickets are $30 for adults and $25 for students at darienarts.org.

For more information, call the DAC at (203) 655-8683. The DAC Weatherstone Studio is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind Darien Town Hall.