

Amy Fisher's story now a Chicago musical

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From the team that brought you "The Mary Kay Letourneau Story: A Karaoke Musical" comes the latest installment in Chicago's Gorilla Tango Theatre's Tabloid Musical series, "C U Next Tuesday: The Amy Fisher Story, A Karaoke Musical," opening next month.

Described as "an original, irreverent parody," it's loosely based on the true early-1990s popular history of some very "not-so-popular people" in the public and media spotlight.

It was on May 19, 1992, that **Amy Fisher**, the "misguided" Long Island teen shot **Mary Jo Buttafuoco**, the wife of her Massapequa, N.Y., love, **Joey Buttafuoco**, in an attempt to secure his affections.

This scripted-from-improvisation musical reworks karaoke favorites such as "That's Amore" and "Mambo Italiano" to fit Fisher's obsessive love story, bringing to life the upper-middle-class-teen-gone-horribly wrong. Director/author **Kelly Williams**, a regular director, performer and producer with Gorilla Tango, said she is excited to bring this to life in the Windy City.

"We're a media-obsessed society, and I admit I fall right into that," Williams said.

"Maybe we like to see bad things happen to other people, or maybe we get to know these folks so much through the media coverage that they feel like intimate friends and we're just participating in the gossip mill that surrounds them; I'm not sure."

She said there are so many "interesting figures from tabloid history," she plans to do future shows featuring fun and unlikely pop-culture subjects.

"I hope to do more," she said.

"The 1990s, in particular, are ripe for the picking, because the stories are generally finished. We know how it ends for people like **Mary Kay**

Letourneau, **Nancy Kerrigan** and **Tanya Harding**, or **Lorena** and **John Bobbitt**. I'm not touching the current tabloid regulars like **Britney Spears** and **Paris Hilton**, because we're in the middle of their stories, but give me 10 years and we'll see."

While this new musical only recounts events leading up to the 1992 shooting and shortly thereafter, the real life infamous duo, Amy and Joey recently were in the news. Last year, the two went on a much-publicized "date" together in New York City, as a not-so-veiled attempt to pitch a reality television series. And on Jan. 4, 2008, Amy announced in an interview with ABC's "Good Morning America" that she's promoting a sex tape that her husband, **Lou Bellara**, released while they were estranged this past summer.

"C U Next Tuesday: The Amy Fisher Story, A Karaoke Musical," will run Feb. 7 to March 13 at Gorilla Tango Theatre, at 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. **FYI:** (773) 598-4549 or www.gorillatango.com. Tickets are \$12 and the show is rated R.

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