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**Naked Boys Singing!**

by Michael in New York on 8/26/2004 10:00:00 AM

That got your attention, didn't it? Everyone knows that when the GOP comes to NYC, they're gonna get access to a whole passel of Broadway shows. But the delicate sensibilities of the Republicans meant they had to give a family values check and eliminate any shows that might seem even remotely unseemly to anyone, anywhere. That meant cutting out lots of family favorite shows that play in the heartland like the Tony winner "Hairspray," Hugh Jackman's campy turn in "The Boy From Oz" and -- Broadway being Broadway -- many of the biggest draws in town. "Cats" is long gone, but they are free to check out the Bush-approved "The Lion King," "Aida" and two shows set in France (!) -- "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

So where are those naked boys and when will they start singing? It seems that one of the shows that WAS approved was the Off Broadway hit "Naked Boys Singing," which certainly would sound risque and perhaps gay-ish to anyone with half a brain. But the Republicans put it on their "approved" list. Obviously, they didn't realize the show had boys. And they were naked. And they were singing. Often about each other. (A rather amusing show, but the weakest number features two men having phone sex with each other while singing a plaintive love duet.) Needless to say, someone put two and two together and finally got four and **the show has been dropped**. But not to worry -- before it was removed from the site for convention goers, about a dozen people bought tickets. They know a good title when they see one. Enjoy!

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