CSUEB Theatre Professor Selected for Award
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Marc JacobsMarc Jacobs, Cal State East Bay assistant professor of theatre and dance, has been
selected for a Bay Area Drama Critics Circle Award for directing the musical "Show Boat" in
April 2007 at the San Mateo County Performing Arts Center. Winners of the Drama Critics Cir-cle Award will be announced in April.
"This was one of the most challenging shows I've ever directed," Jacobs said. "It's truly an epic
and requires both a white and an African-American chorus as it takes a realistic family of char-acters from 1887, shortly after the South's disastrous Reconstruction period, up to 1927, the
height of the roaring '20s and just two years before the stock market crash would again change
everything in America. The characters in the show are three-dimensional human beings who
struggle to preserve a sense of family."
Jacobs' production of "Show Boat" was nominated for seven Bay Area Drama Critics Circle
Awards, including best musical, best direction, best choreography, best principal male, best
principal female, best supporting actor and best supporting actress.
According to Jacobs, "Show Boat"-originally produced in 1928 on Broadway-not only changed
the way society looks at musicals but how an epic story could be told in musical terms.
"I hope the community realizes that they don't have to go to the peninsula to see Marc's work,"