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Media Advisory

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Yale workers to announce end of largest strike ever, plans for future

Labor/Community block party outside Yale Prez's office and Yale drama school strikers adaptation of 30's classic labor musical 'Pins and Needles' to follow

Strike leaders will announce the end of the five-day strike Friday, March 7 that saw 4000 Yale workers walk off the job and mounting pressure on the Yale administration to fix their notorious anti-union tradition. Strike leaders will also discuss upcoming plans.

Yale University and Hospital workers went on strike Monday, March 3 for improved wages, pensions, training, and job security. Graduate student teachers and researchers struck for a fair process to choose to organize without management intimidation. The strike by the four unions was the largest ever at Yale.

The high-profile strike drew support from national leaders Rev. Jesse Jackson, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and Princeton professor, philosopher, and author Cornel West. The strike attracted wide national media attention from the *New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *CNN radio*, *Radio Free Europe*, and others. The strike also received unprecedented community support as local residents marched on Yale demanding access to good union jobs and raised money for the strikers.

A block party will follow the announcement on College and Wall Streets outside the Woodbridge Hall offices of Yale President Richard Levin. The Yale and New Haven communities are invited.

At 2:30, Yale drama school strikers will perform their adaptation of the 1930's classic labor musical "Pins and Needles."

Who: Yale strike leaders, strikers, students, community leaders and residents

What: Announce strike's end, future prospects, block party, musical

When: **Friday, March 7**

11:45 a.m. Announcement

Block party

2:30 p.m. "Pins and Needles"

Where: Announcement and Block party—College and Wall Streets

"Pins and Needles"--First and Summerfield Methodist Church, Elm and College