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## Miguel Mendoza awakens

 DIRECTLINE By [Boy Abunda](#) Updated July 15, 2009 12:00 AM


Miguel plays a piano student Georg who has difficulties concentrating on his music in *Spring Awakening* —**Photo By Ver Paulino**

"Though I'm not a nerd, people think I am so I guess somehow it is me," he says. "I also like Georg's scenes with his teacher because I can actually relate to it."

It is the material, however, that sold him to the project. "I was so impressed with *Spring Awakening* because it is completely different from the many musicals I have heard of. It is completely different in the sense that the whole production is so daring. I am very excited to be part of *Spring Awakening*. It will mark my first professional stage performance and I am ready for the challenge. I am honored to be able to sing Duncan Sheik's alternative rock score every night," Miguel says.

Miguel, who has a number of school productions under his belt including *Godspell* and *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, will help realize this daring production come September. "It talks about a lot of untouched topics," he says. "Based on the songs that Georg sings, it seems like he wants to break free from the weeping and mourning that's obvious with the youth today. This generation experiences more problems than the generations before."

In time, Miguel will give voice to the musical of his generation. It will be quite a show.

*Spring Awakening* won seven Tony Awards including Best Musical. Due to explicit content and partial nudity, parental discretion is advised.

*Spring Awakening* runs from Sept. 25 to Oct. 17 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Makati. Only a few shows remain available for showbuying and fund-raising.

For details, call Atlantis Productions at 892-7078 or 840-1187.

### The dotting mom in Kris

Kris Aquino would drop everything for children. And for her mom, too. In the entertainment scene, she is the glamorous Queen of All Media. Behind the TV screens, she is a loving, dotting mother to

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