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GUYS AND DEAL? The life of a shrieking '80s alt-rock hero may be an unlikely subject for an off-Broadway musical, but Pixies leader Frank Black (formerly Black Francis) is set to be immortalized onstage. *Teenager of the Year* depicts four kids starting a band called the Pixies, while a second story line follows a 15-year-old boy's struggle with his burgeoning identity. Slated to premiere this summer in New York City, the show was written by Josh Frank, a 27-year-old theater vet and Pixies obsessive from Austin, Texas. Frank easily obtained Black's blessing but now faces a more formidable obstacle: "I have to find actors who look and sound like them, who play instruments, and who can act really well," he says. "Even I would not be able to play myself," says former Pixies guitarist Joey Santiago. "The only thing that would freak me out is being played by Carrot Top." **CARYN GANZ**

TEENAGER OF THE YEAR

A Rock-U-Drama based on the music and times of FRANK BLACK and the PIXIES