



SHOWSTOPPER

Bat Out of Rochester

ALL REVVED UP: Andrew Polec '12 is earning rave reviews as the lead of *Bat Out of Hell*, a musical production based on the songs from Meat Loaf's late-1970s album. The only American in the British production, Polec plays Strat, the leader of a gang trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic world. (Christina Bennington plays Raven, his motorcycle-driving love interest.) The *Times of London* said Polec "plays Strat with such energy that he is like a bat out of hell," going on to note that "he is sensational, exuding confidence." Polec made a similar impression on faculty and classmates at Rochester, where he had regular starring roles in campus productions as a student in the Department of Music and the Department of English. After opening in Great Britain, *Bat Out of Hell* moves to Toronto this fall with sights on Broadway next spring. PHOTOGRAPH: REX FEATURES/AP IMAGES

