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STAGE 773 TO HOLD BENEFIT FUNDRAISER "THE FUN HOUSE" SEPTEMBER 29

Four stages will feature Chicago's most talented performers

CHICAGO, IL – Come play with us at “**The Fun House**”, a fundraiser to sustain **Stage 773** – a not-for-profit company supporting Chicago’s vibrant arts and cultural community. The action-packed evening will take place on **Sunday, September 29** from **6:30-9:30** at Stage 773, located at **1225 W. Belmont**. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit Stage 773.

"This event is quite an amazing experience!" said Brian Posen, Creative Director at Stage 773. "All four of our theaters and our lobby will be filled with constant entertainment- From dueling tap dancers, to string quartets and Jazz Bands, to caricature artists, fortune tellers and acrobats! You will find every type of performance you can think of. Definitely a night you will remember."

The evening's events will include live performances on all four stages by some of Chicago's best and most diverse talent, silent and live auctions, a 50/50 raffle and fabulous food and cocktails.

Over 250 guests will bid on over 100 exciting auction items, including a backstage meet and greet with the heavy metal band Poison, a private performance from one of Stage 773's hilarious improv groups, and packages that include a hot air balloon ride, pole dancing lessons and tickets to a Chicago Cubs baseball game.

Tickets can be purchased at three different levels. A \$35 ticket grants admissions to the Fun House, as well as food and drink with a cash bar. A \$60 ticket grants admission with food and drink and a complimentary bar. For \$125 patrons can purchase the EX2, an EXclusive EXperience. This gives patrons access to an EXclusive jaw-dropping 40-minute EXperience, admission to the Fun House and access to a premium bar.

The Fun House will feature interactive events as well as dancers, musicians, comedians, magicians, mimes, fortune tellers, funhouse mirrors, lasers and much more. Guests will have

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the opportunity to watch artists at work and leave with a henna tattoo or their very own caricature drawing. Never before has a fundraiser been so interactive and catered towards the guest.

The evening's events will be emceed by prominent Chicago comedian Tim Soszko. Soszko is of the all-silent, all-funny Bri-Ko and one half of the sketch comedy duo tim&micah.

As part of the exciting night, Stage 773 will be revealing a newly renovated black box theater. The theater will be refurbished with beautiful seats direct from historic Radio City Music Hall. These seats, as well as others in the building, are available for the "Buy A Seat" campaign, where patrons can see their name on a plaque on a seat for a \$200 donation to Stage 773.

"This evening will be about celebrating Chicago talent and the staple that Stage 773 has become in the Chicago theater industry," said Laura Michaud, president of the board of directors. "We are looking forward to having our supporters and donors here and showing them the amazing possibilities that are at our fingertips."

About STAGE 773

Stage 773 celebrates off-Loop Chicago performing arts and artists. Stage 773 is a nonprofit Chicago company that produces The Cupid Players, Bri-Ko, The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival, Street Tempo Theatre and other programs, as well as offering subsidized theater rental space to the hundreds of Chicago's itinerant off-Loop companies and performers. Stage 773 is located at 1225 W. Belmont. Stage 773's four theaters are home to performances by some of Chicago's most innovative, creative and passionate off-Loop performing artists. To purchase tickets call the Stage 773 box office at 773.327.5252 or visit www.stage773.com.

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