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GET YOUR GEEK ON WITH THE THIRD ANNUAL CHICAGO NERD COMEDY FESTIVAL, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Let your inner nerd shine and enjoy the 2015 lineup, headlined by Chicago favorite Dan Telfer, August 13 through August 15 at Stage 773

CHICAGO – Following the wildly successful Chicago Women’s Funny Festival in June, **Stage 773** is proud to announce the lineup for the 3rd Annual **Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival**, running Thursday, August 13 through Saturday, August 15 at 1225 W. Belmont. Featuring an eclectic line up of shows and events, the Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival celebrates all that is the Chicago nerd comedy scene; from Stand Up to Improv to a Star Wars/Macbeth hybrid show, nerds will unite for one glorious weekend in Chicago to laugh, pay homage, and perhaps worship their favorite genres of nerd-ness. Co-producer of Chicago Underground Comedy, stand-up comedian, and writer for *The Onion*, Dan Telfer headlines a formidable variety of nerd-themed comedy, with after-hours gaming, community, and drink-able events.

"Being a nerd can be cool now. Twenty years ago I stopped reading comic books because someone shamed me." says Admiral Producer, R. Vance Brinkerhoff. "Now, I get compliments from strangers on my Deadpool t-shirts. Geeks are inheriting the earth! Nerdfest is as much a community event as it is a comedy festival. "

Highlights of the 2015 Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival include Chicago favorites *Improvised Star Trek*, a fully improvised episode of Star Trek set aboard the USS Sisyphus, and *Geek Show*, Chicago’s premier late night style variety show for geek topics featuring guests, games, themes and videos. Other featured performers include *Mike Hover*, *Erin Wethern*, *James Knowles*, *Rebecca Fass*, *Alex Seligsohn*, *Clown Car to Sicily*, *The Stuntmen* and many more hilariously nerdy acts.

"Stage 773 loves producing festivals, and we are consistently doing it successfully," states Brian Posen, Founder and Executive Producer of the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival. "This is our

theatre's heritage, and we couldn't be more excited to strengthen our festival repertoire with Nerdfest."

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, July 15 and may be purchased at www.stage773.com or by calling 773.327.5252. Individual tickets are \$15 for each show (Dan Telfer's show is \$30 and is twice as long); All-Festival pass are \$65, which are good for all shows on any day. Early bird discount for Festival Passes purchased before August 1 are \$53. Those who attend in costume will receive a "cos-play" discount of \$5 off any ticket. Performance dates and times are Thursday, August 13 at 7:30, 9, and 10pm, Friday, August 14 at 8, 9, 10, and 11p.m., and Saturday, August 15 at 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11p.m. For more information, visit www.stage773.com.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a vibrant anchor of the Belmont Theatre District and home to Chicago's finest off-Loop talent. As a performance and tenant venue, our four stages provide entertainment for everyone: comedy, theatre, dance, musicals and more. We are a not-for-profit, connecting and catalyzing the theater community, while showcasing established artists and incubating up-and-coming talent.

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