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**NEW YORK THEATRE CRITIC TO PERFORM
ONE-MAN SHOW AT STAGES ST. LOUIS**

A Personal History of the American Theater: What's it Really Like to be a Theater Critic?

ST. LOUIS (July 20, 2010) – STAGES ST. LOUIS will host Peter Filichia, veteran New York theatre critic, columnist and author for a special event on Saturday, July 31 at 1:00 pm at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood.

One Man. Many Cards. Many More Memories. Mr. Filichia will appear in his humorous and compelling one-man retrospective on a life in the American Theater. With a stack of cards containing theatre memories from over five decades, he will share both personal and classic eye-opening tales of musicals, plays and celebrities dating back to the late 1950s in this unforgettable one time only event. A special question and answer session will follow Mr. Filichia's presentation.

Mr. Filichia is the featured columnist of "Peter Filichia's Diary" at TheatreMania.com, theater critic for the Newark Star Ledger, and the author of *"Let's Put On a Musical!: How to Choose the Right Show for Your Theater."* His highly anticipated second book, *"Broadway Musicals: The Biggest Hit and the Biggest Flop of the Season – 1959 to 2009"* will be released September of this year. He has also served on the nominating committees of the Drama Desk and the Lucille Lortel Awards and serves as host for the Theatre World Awards.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 and on sale now at the STAGES Box Office 314.821.2407. For more information visit www.stagesstlouis.org

The STAGES 2010 remaining season features *Promises, Promises* (July 16 – August 15), Disney's *The Aristocats* (August 4 – 15) and Rodgers & Hammerstein's *State Fair* (September 3 – October 3). Tickets are \$49, with numerous special single ticket and subscription rates available. STAGES performs in the intimate, 384-seat Robert G. Reim Theatre at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road, 63122.

The recipient of twenty Kevin Kline Awards over the past five years, six in 2010, STAGES was founded in 1987 and has become the leading company for musical theatre performance and education in the Midwest.

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