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STAGES ST. LOUIS TO HOST BENEFIT FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Ben and Jack Together Again - An Encore

ST. LOUIS (July 13, 2010) – STAGES ST. LOUIS is proud to welcome back the popular musical cabaret duo of St. Louis actor Ben Nordstrom and STAGES Executive Producer Jack Lane for a one night only performance on Monday, August 9 at 7:30 pm.

A benefit for the education and outreach programs STAGES provides to the community. *Ben and Jack Together Again – An Encore* is a romantic and humorous homage to the supper club acts of the 1950s, and will take you back to a time when a song told a story and classic cabaret singing was in its prime. From immortal songs by Peggy Lee and Alan and Marilyn Bergman to the Broadway sounds of Rodgers and Hammerstein and Stephen Sondheim, Ben and Jack will spin an unforgettable evening of musical memories touched with a modern sense of humor. Be the first in St. Louis to hear a Barry Manilow song from his Broadway bound musical *Harmony*. STAGES ST. LOUIS received special permission from Mr. Manilow to perform the song for this fundraising event.

Melodic yet quirky, evocative yet timely, *Ben and Jack Together Again - An Encore* is a wonderful way to be entertained while raising money for the STAGES education and outreach programs. The event conceived and directed by Michael Hamilton, hosted by Managing Director Ron Gibbs and featuring Musical Director Lisa Campbell-Albert on the piano, will be held on Monday, August 9 at 7:30 pm at the Robert G. Reim Theatre and will also feature a live auction.

Ticket prices vary from the \$50 level for show only, the \$75 level, which includes post-show reception with the performers and the \$150 level including post-show reception and after-party at Sunset 44 Bistro. Tickets are 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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