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STAGES ST. LOUIS RAISES OVER \$90,000 at the 1st ANNUAL *SWING!* GOLF CLASSIC

Professional musical theatre company STAGES ST. LOUIS held its first annual **SWING! Golf Classic** on Monday, September 17th at Persimmon Woods Golf Club in Weldon Spring, MO. Over 90 golfers participated in the day's events and the tournament raised over \$90,000 to benefit the STAGES Education and Outreach Programs.

"We are so pleased with the success of this event," said Jack Lane, Executive Producer of STAGES ST. LOUIS. "It was a perfect day on a perfect course, all in support of the worthy cause of providing younger generations with quality arts education and programming."

The **SWING! Golf Classic** was chaired by Donna & Gregg Eisenberg and the 2008 event has been scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008. For more information about **SWING!** please call the STAGES Development Department at 636.530.5959 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

STAGES is a professional, not-for-profit musical theatre company with a mission to become the leading Midwestern performing arts center for musical theatre performance and education. With performances currently held in Kirkwood and administrative offices and the STAGES Performing Arts Academy located in Chesterfield, the company will consolidate all operations under one roof when they open the **STAGES ST. LOUIS Performing Arts Center** in Chesterfield at the conclusion of their current \$31 million capital campaign. Recently, STAGES announced that its 2008 22nd Sensational Season at STAGES will feature *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (May 30 – June 29), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (July 18 – Aug. 17), and *The Music Man* (Sept. 5 – Oct. 5).

Established in 1987, STAGES is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theatre, combining the disciplines of music, dance and drama. STAGES currently presents 130 performances from May through October to more than 48,000 patrons. STAGES is the number one provider of employment for local performers, with over 450 St. Louis union actor work weeks logged annually. For more information about STAGES, please call 636.530.5959 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

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