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STAGES ST. LOUIS HOSTS BENEFIT FOR EDUCATION AND ARTISTIC PROGRAMS WITH INAUGURAL PRESENTATION OF EMERSON AMERICAN MUSICAL CREATIVE

(ST. LOUIS) – STAGES St. Louis is proud to present the inaugural workshop production from Emerson American Musical Creative at its annual cabaret event, Cheers!, benefiting STAGES' education and artistic programs on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood.

The foundations for a brand new American musical, titled *The Story Goes On: The Songs of Maltby & Shire*, have been assembled by the creative team at STAGES. Be the first to hear the world premiere of this new work of Musical Theatre at STAGES' one-night only event. The evening will feature St. Louis Actress Kari Ely and New York Actor Brennan Caldwell as co-hosts, plus cast members from STAGES' 2015 productions of *Anything Goes* and *The Full Monty*, including Julie Cardia, John Flack, Leah Berry, Austin Hohnke, Bronwyn Tarboton, and Erik Keiser. Triple Threats, STAGES Performing Arts Academy's Premiere Performance Group, also will entertain the audience with a short set of songs.

The Story Goes On... is a musical revue showcasing songs written by Tony Award-winner **Richard Maltby** and Academy Award and two-time Grammy winner, **David Shire**. Directed by STAGES' Associate Artistic Director Stephen Bourneuf and featuring Musical Director Lisa Campbell-Albert on the piano, the show consists of a journey of three couples, representing the early, middle, and latter stages of life. The couples explore their relationships and the agonies, ecstasies, and unpredictable challenges that they encounter along their way. The journey has a timeless, universal quality and is constantly moving forward through gorgeous melodies and sharp-witted lyrics. Songs featured in this new revue were gathered from various Maltby/Shire musicals including *Baby*, *Big*, *Take Flight*, *Starting Here*, *Starting Now*, and *Closer Than Ever*.

The Story Goes On... will be held Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood. The event opens at 6:30pm with a reception and pre-show activities including a wine pull and Triple Threats raffle. The performance begins at 7:30pm with a live auction during the intermission. A post-show reception with the performers will close the evening.

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Ticket prices vary from the \$75 level for the show and post-show reception, the \$150 level that also includes recognition in the program, and the \$250 level including acknowledgement from the stage as well as a special post-show champagne toast and photo onstage with the performers. Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets call 314-821-2407 or visit www.StagesStLouis.org.

STAGES would like to thank Event Sponsors Lynne & Jim Turley and Merry & Jim Mosbacher.

The STAGES' remaining 2015 season features the tap-extravaganza *Anything Goes* (Now through – August 16) and the hilarious, yet heartwarming *The Full Monty* (September 4 – October 4). Single tickets are on sale now and prices range from \$20 - \$57. STAGES performs in the intimate, 377-seat Robert G. Reim Theatre at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road in St. Louis, MO. For more information or to purchase tickets call 314-821-2407 or visit www.StagesStLouis.org.

STAGES St. Louis is the region's foremost not-for-profit company committed to preserving and advancing the art form of Musical Theatre through excellence in performance and education. In 2015, STAGES celebrates its 29th year of producing Broadway-quality theatre, presenting 144 performances from May through October to nearly 50,000 patrons, during its mainstage season. STAGES ST. LOUIS is grateful for the support of the Regional Arts Commission, and has been funded in part by the Arts & Education Council. In addition, financial assistance has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council.

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