

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# Actors Theatre of Indiana's Annual Fundraiser, "An Evening To Remember, 2008!" set for November 22<sup>nd</sup>



*Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) is Central Indiana's newest professional equity theatre company founded in 2005. ATI announces the first annual fundraiser - "An Evening To Remember 2008" to take place November 22, 2008.*

CARMEL, INDIANA November 22, 2008 – Join Actors Theatre of Indiana for an evening filled with music, laughter, and celebrities as we journey back to the days when radio ruled the airways. Enjoy **"COMMAND PERFORMANCE USA"**, the live radio broadcast show that brought much needed relief to our men and women in uniform during WWII. Rub shoulders and hear the songs and comedy of such greats as the Andrews Sisters, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Red Skelton, Martha Ray, Dinah Shore, and more! Experience the nostalgia that shaped one of the greatest generations in American history! Feel free to come dressed in your Hollywood glam or military garb of the 1940's and listen to the sounds of Hoagy Carmichael with Kay Kyser and his band as we wing the night away. Don't be surprised if a special guest pops in for the Live Auction with violin in tow!

ATI's annual fundraiser will allow you to EXPERIENCE the nostalgia, ENJOY a delicious dinner with your show, PARTICIPATE in exciting silent and live auction items, all while SUPPORTING Actors Theatre of Indiana, Carmel's future resident professional theatre company! Actors Theatre of Indiana is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

The Forties theme for the upcoming "An Evening To Remember, 2008!," was inspired by ATI's last project, VICTORY DAYS! and organizers are asking those who come to dress forties-style. The historic Oak Hill Mansion in Carmel will create an entertaining and backdrop for the gala benefiting Actors Theatre of Indiana and will feature great songs of the 1940's, delicious cuisine, a silent and live auction, and festive interactive games.

"We were able to create a lively theme for our event by drawing from our selected location and using the actors and actresses from our past project with VICTORY DAYS" said **Don Farrell**, ATI producing artistic director and co-founder. "An Evening To Remember 2008" will be an enjoyable evening for attendees while, of course, raising much needed funds for our city's most up and coming professional theatre company."

Now in its fourth season, Actors Theatre of Indiana created “An Evening To Remember” to be the professional theatre company’s only annual gala and its primary fundraising source for operational funds. This year’s event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Saturday, November 22nd.

This event was established as an annual fundraiser to help bring the best of ATI to Carmel, and to enhance the professional theatre company’s extensive programming options. This year, the benefit is expected to attract more than 400 attendees consisting of a mix of young professionals, parents and theatre patrons from around the metropolitan area.

The event is open to the public and will showcase the talents of **Cynthia Collins, Julie Dixon, Jay Emrich, Don Farrell, Judy Fitzgerald, Katy Gentry, Tim Hunt, Christa Shoot, Tom Simpson, Peter Papadopoulos, Julia Viktrup, Greg Wolff, Terry Woods, and Jay Young.**

“Because we’re a professional theatre company, we focus our time primarily on entertaining and educating. An Evening To Remember gives us an opportunity to do what we do best – create a fun and memorable evening full of great talent and great live music! Our hope is that this event will raise desperately needed revenue for our operating and production costs, give us an opportunity to produce in Carmel while introducing ourselves to some new neighbors and patrons,” said Farrell.

The evening also will include a silent and live auction featuring such items as jewelry, Pacers tickets, a trip to New York City with Broadway shows, golf outings, a Florida vacation, iPods and other amazing electronics, host an hour of classical radio programming of your choosing on WICR 88.7 FM, rare autographed artwork, rare autographed memorabilia, and much, much more!!!

Who: Actors Theatre of Indiana

What: Fundraising Event –An Evening To Remember, 2008!

Where: Oak Hill Mansion, 5801 East 116th Street, Carmel, IN 46033

When: Saturday, November 22, 2008

**6:30 p.m. – Hors d’oeuvres & Cash Bar - Silent Auction begins**

**7:30 p.m. – Dinner served with wine**

**8:30 p.m. – COMMAND PERFORMANCE USA!**

**9:00 p.m. – Live Auction with special guest auctioneer!**

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**10:30 p.m. – Good Night and God Bless (Off the Air)**

Why: To raise money for operating costs and program development for Actors Theatre of Indiana

Cost: Individual ticket - \$85.00

Tables of 8: \$680.00

**Please RSVP by November 15 by calling 317-669-7983!**

Central Indiana’s professional equity theatre company and nationally recognized ACTORS THEATRE OF INDIANA (ATI) sets the highest artistic standards, creating the powerful experience of shared theatre for its community. Since its incorporation in 2005, ATI has produced the world premiere of such works as - A ROSIE EVENING: The Music of Rosemary Clooney, BROADWAY BRASS: A Tribute to the Great Ladies of Broadway, ANYTHING GOES! A Cole Porter tribute, THIS COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING BIG!, and the Indiana premieres of MY WAY: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra, A YEAR WITH FROG & TOAD, BEYOND THE RAINBOW – Judy Garland, Her Story and SISTERS OF SWING: The Story of the Andrews Sisters. Now in its fourth season, Actors Theatre of Indiana continues its strong growth under the leadership team of Co-Founder/Resident Choreographer Cynthia Collins, Co-Founder/Producing Artistic Director Don Farrell and Co-Founder/Artistic Director Judy Fitzgerald. The 2008 season continues its tradition of new work with the Indiana premiere of Robin Hawdon’s farce PERFECT WEDDING to prove that Actors Theatre of Indiana is where great theatre lives! For more information, call 317-669-7983 or visit our website at [www.actorstheatreofindiana.org](http://www.actorstheatreofindiana.org) .

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