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LEAGUE OF CHICAGO THEATRES ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER LINE-UP OF THEATER THURSDAYS EVENTS

CHICAGO (October 21, 2008) – The League of Chicago Theatres is pleased to announce the November line-up of *Theater Thursdays* events. *Theater Thursdays* events combine a new show every week, with a pre or post show reception including food and drinks, and exclusive access to artists from each production, all for one special ticket price by mentioning “*Theater Thursdays*” when making a reservation at each box office.

November brings *Theater Thursdays* patrons a wonderful opportunity to participate in some of the most exciting theater events in the area. We start the month off with an evening of action and adventure with Lifeline Theatre’s *The Mark of Zorro* at Theatre Building Chicago. Enjoy tasty Vietnamese cuisine at Simply It before seeing Greasy Joan & Co.’s production of *Chekhov’s Life in the Country*. Escape the political madness of previous months with Lillian Hellman’s poignant work *The Autumn Garden* directed by Eclipse Theatre’s Artistic Director, Nathaniel Swift.

Launched in January of 2005, *Theater Thursdays* provides a great opportunity to venture out after work, entertain clients, socialize with friends or make new ones. Explore foreign cultures, sample bites from the city’s best restaurants and take in Chicago’s exceptional theater scene with a new show every week.

93.1 FM WXRT, the *Chicago Reader*, and Yelp.com are media partners for *Theater Thursdays*.

For a description and pricing of each show, please see the features listed below.

Thursday, November 6

The Mark of Zorro based on the book by Johnston McCulley, adapted by Katie McLean
Theatre Building Chicago
1225 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago

Featuring spectacular swordfights, adventure, romance and swashbuckling fun, you won't want to miss Lifeline Theatre's hit production. Following the performance, Theater Thursday patrons will enjoy a wine and cheese reception with members of the cast and crew.

Show begins at 7:15 p.m.

Event begins immediately following the performance.

Tickets: \$35

For reservations call 773-327-5252 and mention "Theater Thursdays."

Visit www.theatrebuildingchicago.com for tickets or more information.

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Thursday, November 13

Chekhov's Life in the Country
Greasy Joan & Co.
Greenhouse Theater Center
2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

Greasy Joan & Co. takes on Chekhov in a hilarious and poignant romp that shows the life, love and lunacy of living in the country. Theater Thursday patrons will enjoy a pre-show dinner special at Simply It (2269 N. Lincoln) where they'll receive 10% off their bill with reservations when you mention "Greasy Joan & Co." Following the performance there will be dessert and a discussion with director Libby Ford and other Chicago area directors on adapting classic theatre.

Show begins at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$12.50 students

For reservations call 773-404-7336 and mention "Theater Thursdays."

Visit www.greasyjoan.org for more information.

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Thursday, November 20

The Autumn Garden by Lillian Hellman
Eclipse Theatre Company
Greenhouse Theater Center
2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

Enjoy an evening celebrating Lillian Hellman with a light pre-show dinner featuring some of Hellman's personal favorite recipes, a performance of her introspective masterpiece, and a post-show discussion with members of the cast and crew. First produced in 1951, *The Autumn Garden* is Hellman's most mature and emotionally honest play, with a rich cast of imperfect yet noble characters struggling to find comfort amidst the simple tragedy of being human.

Pre-show reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

Show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$35

For reservations call 773-404-7336 and mention "Theater Thursdays."

Visit www.eclipsetheatre.com for more information.

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Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day. No Theater Thursdays event scheduled

THE LEAGUE OF CHICAGO THEATRES

Theater Thursdays are organized by The League of Chicago Theatres. Founded in 1979, the League is an alliance of theaters that leverages its collective strength to promote, support and advocate for Chicago's theater industry locally, nationally and internationally. Currently, the League serves a diverse membership of more than 190 theaters and theater companies, ranging from small storefront, non-union companies to major cultural centers with multi-million dollar facilities and productions.

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