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STAGE 773 ANNOUNCES LINEUP FOR 14th ANNUAL CHICAGO SKETCH COMEDY FESTIVAL JANUARY 8 – 18, 2015

***Over 160 troupes, involving 1,000 artists will perform 188 shows in 8 days
as part of the nation's largest sketch comedy festival***

CHICAGO –Stage 773 Creative Director **Brian Posen** is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated line-up for the **14th Annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival**. Over the past 14 years, the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival has garnered international attention, attracting over 10,000 patrons annually from around the world. Over the two weeks from January 8 through 18, audiences will enjoy the largest ever Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival – and the largest sketch comedy festival ever seen in America. The entire schedule for the 14th Annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival may be viewed at www.ChicagoSketchfest.com. Tickets go on sale December 1.

Highlights of the 14th annual Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival includes the return of Siblings of Doctors (Los Angeles) featuring Danny Pudi from “Community”, festival favorites BriKo (Chicago, winners of the 2014 Best of the Fest Award at the Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival), Stupid Time Machine (New Orleans), The Reception (Toronto), Listen Kid! (NYC), Pop Roulette (NYC), Cake Batter (LA), Charles (Seattle), The Tweet Show (NYC), Slow Children at Play (Boston), FUCTION (New York), Rabbit, Rabbit (Chicago), Kerpatty (Chicago), Crassus (Chicago), Astronaut Theatre (Chicago), The Nerdologues (Chicago), 2 Bunnies Eating Flowers (Chicago), Tim & Micah Show (Chicago), as well as two local groups who have been a part of the festival for all 14 years- The Cupid Players (Chicago) and Stir-Friday Night! (Chicago).

Some new highlights this year include Golden Baby (NYC), Hot Thespian Action (Winnipeg), The Aces (Portland) and Baby Shoes (NYC).

The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival debuted in January 2002, with 33 local Chicago Sketch Comedy groups gathering together to perform their craft. The event was met with overwhelming success, and has now grown to the largest sketch comedy festival in the nation.

All performances take place at Chicago's home for the most innovative, creative and passionate off-Loop performing artists, Stage 773, located at 1225 W. Belmont. Over the course of the two weeks, Stage 773 transforms into a sketch comedy oasis, with the entire building featuring simultaneous performances in all four theater spaces. The

Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival invites comedians from around the world perform in an atmosphere of celebration, collaboration and community.

Tickets for the 14th Annual Chicago Sketch Festival are \$15 each and will go on sale December 1, 2014 at 12 p.m. Tickets purchased before December 31 receive a \$2 discount and may be purchased at www.Stage773.com, by phone at 773.327.5252, and in person at the Stage 773 box office. This year, all performances will also be streamed live via Giggity.TV for a pay per view fee. Giggity.TV has been broadcasting live entertainment from various venues throughout the country for the past four years, and is now available in all four spaces at Stage 773.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a four-theater performance and tenant facility anchoring the Belmont Theater District in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Every year, it brings together more than 75,000 patrons with 5,000 artists in productions that range from intimate shows to the largest sketch comedy festival in the nation. Stage 773 presents accessible, affordable, and exceptional entertainment, as well as opportunities for artists to develop through continuing education and programs. As a tenant facility, Stage 773 provides material, technical, organizational, and emotional support to artists and administrators.

For more information and to order tickets, visit www.stage773.com, or call 773.327.5252.

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