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**STAGE 773 PRESENTS THE CUPID PLAYERS IN
*CUPID: PLUGGED***

Rock Music Sketch Comedy Revue Features All-New Songs and Sketches

Runs 6 Performances Only September 17 – October 2

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30pm at STAGE 773

Chicago's witty and irreverent musical sketch comedy troupe **The Cupid Players** presents *Cupid: Plugged* for six performances at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont from September 17 – October 2, 2010.

Backed by a rock band, the comic musical performers of The Cupid Players will perform new songs and scenes developed by the cast under the direction of Stage 773 **Artistic Director Brian Posen**. The **all-new material** in *Cupid: Plugged* differs from the material in The Cupid Players' long-running revue *Cupid Has A Heart On: A Musical Guide to Relationships*, which is in an open run at iO Theater, 3541 N. Clark Street on Saturday nights at 10:30pm.

The set list includes "Half Gay," "I Thought We Were Dating," "I Lied" and "Baby-Making Sex (Sex for a Purpose)." Tickets are \$20 and are available by phone at 773.327.5252 or online at www.stage773.com.

Director Brian Posen is joined by Carisa Barreca, Ashley Bush, Andrew Graves, Sam Lewis, Israel Pederson, Tim Soszko, Ranjit Souri, Billy Sullivan, Jill Valentine and Amanda Whitenack. The band includes Sam Lewis and David Hymen.

About The Cupid Players

Named "Best Sketch Comedy Group" in Chicago by the Chicago Reader, The Cupid Players have been making audiences laugh until it hurts for 10 years. Their revue *Cupid Has A Heart On: A Musical Guide to Relationships* has been playing every Saturday night at iO Theater for seven years and been named a "must-see" by *Time Out Chicago* and feted as "full of wit and zest" by the *Chicago Tribune*.

About STAGE 773

Formerly known as Lukaba Productions, STAGE 773 is a non-profit Chicago company that produces The Cupid Players, Briko, The Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival and other programs. STAGE 773 is located at 1225 W. Belmont (the former Theatre Building Chicago); STAGE 773's three theaters are home to performances by some of Chicago's most innovative, creative and passionate off-Loop performing artists.

Stage 773 acts to embody the vibrant spirit of Chicago off-loop theater:

- We celebrate the creative process, supporting the work of actors, directors, writers, composers and designers.
- We nurture the artist, offering material, technical, organizational and emotional support.
- We honor our audience, presenting accessible, affordable, exceptional entertainment.

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