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STAGE 773 PRESENTS A “HOMECOMING” IN HONOR OF 40 YEARS OF CHICAGO THEATER

The beloved off-loop theater venue invites arts enthusiasts to celebrate the history and future of Stage 773 with a series of events from a themed Pub Crawl to One-Time only performances

CHICAGO – In tandem with celebrating forty years of producing off-loop theater, [Stage 773](#), 1225 W Belmont, Chicago, is excited to announce their upcoming contributions to the Chicago theater community, and welcome home many in the Chicago arts industry with **The Homecoming Campaign**, running from September to December 2017.

“This campaign is more than just about fundraising to us,” says Jill Valentine, Director of Theater Management at Stage 773. “The Homecoming Campaign has been created to act as a means for alumni and fans of Stage 773 to gather and support the common goal of continuing to build a home away from home for the Chicago art community.”

This three-event celebration and community fundraising with a \$40,000 dollar-for-dollar matching program will assist the nonprofit Chicago based venue, in their mission of building a strong infrastructure for all artists to create new work and grow as successful members of the arts community. The funds will directly benefit the renovation of their largest theater- converting the space into a flex space where all artistic companies can move the set and seats into any

configuration. This will able a vast amount of freedom and choices to companies to create beyond a fixed stage. The theater will also become the first flex space available to rent in Chicago.

Stage 773's "Homecoming Weekend," October 6-7, will feature two of the fundraising events – the *Homecoming Hellraiser* and the *Homecoming Pub Crawl*. Stage 773 staff will be taking the stage on Friday, October 6 at 10:30p.m. to perform their best work as Chicago artists in the *Homecoming Hellraiser* event. Tickets for this event can be purchased online for \$25 per person and includes well drinks\draft beers.

To continue the spirit of the homecoming weekend, the Young Professional Board of Stage 773 will celebrate on Saturday October 7, with a High School themed Homecoming Pub Crawl. This event will start at Stage 773 at 5 p.m., venture down Belmont Ave. and be the only pub crawl in the city that expands into Boystown; ending with an after party and prizes at Stage 773. *Homecoming Pub Crawl* tickets can be purchased for \$20 online and \$25 at the door.

Those looking to spend the whole weekend celebrating "Stage 773 Homecoming" by attending both these events can purchase tickets online for \$40.

For the last fundraising event, Stage 773's Executive Board will showcase the *773 Social*, a VIP event on November 11th at 7 p.m., offering guests a 90 minute musical adventure of building a production of *Cupid Has a Heart On*. Several alumni members of The Cupid Players will join the current cast to perform all the favorites from Chicago's longest running sketch comedy show, and event goers will receive their chance to perform as well. *773 Social* tickets start at \$75 per person and will include two raffle tickets for VIP worthy prizes.

To buy tickets or make a donation, visit www.Stage773.com/Homecoming or contact Nicole Meunier, Development Manager of Stage 773, directly to show your support at nicole@stage773.com.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a vibrant anchor of the Belmont Theatre District and home to Chicago's finest off-Loop talent. As a performance and tenant venue, our four stages provide entertainment for everyone: comedy, theatre, dance, musicals and more. We are a not-for-profit, connecting and catalyzing the theater community, while showcasing established artists and incubating up-and-coming talent.

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