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The Studio Theatre

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A NIGHT OF A THOUSAND JOYS! THE STUDIO THEATRE'S 2010 ANNUAL GALA ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010 – CELEBRATE JOY ZINOMAN'S LEGACY!

The Studio Theatre's 2010 Annual Gala, *A Night of a Thousand Joys*, will honor Founding Artistic Director Joy Zinoman, who will retire from that position at the end of August 2010. Champagne and cocktails will be followed by dinner, entertainment and dancing into the night at this glamorous once-in-a-lifetime event. Entertainment will be provided by actress/singer Tracie Thoms, and will feature a special appearance by the unparalleled Lypsinka.

The elegant evening will begin at 6:30pm, with guests greeted by The Washington Saxophone Quartet at the Studio's entrance and treated to hors d'oeuvres and specialty cocktails. A seated dinner will be followed by performances by Ms. Thoms and Lypsinka. A theatre, film and television star, Thoms is known for her roles in *Rent*, *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Cold Case*, as well as numerous Broadway and Off Broadway productions. She earned a Helen Hayes nomination for her performance in The Studio 2ndStage production of *Hair* in 1998. Lypsinka—the alter ego of writer/performer John Epperson—is known to fans of The Studio Theatre from *The Passion of the Crawford*, *John Epperson in Rep* and *Lypsinka! The Boxed Set*. The entertainment will be directed by Associate Producing Artistic Director Serge Seiden. Following the show, the celebratory party will continue, with DJ Johnny Steele spinning in the Mead Theatre and a jazz lounge with live piano in The Marshall Atrium.

In conjunction with *A Night of a Thousand Joys* and to honor Joy Zinoman's leadership, The Studio Theatre announces the Joy Zinoman Master Teacher Chair in The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory. Proceeds will go toward continued teacher training and curriculum development. For more information about this special initiative, contact Morey B. Epstein, Executive Director of Institutional Development at (202) 232-7267 or morey@studiotheatre.org.

Proceeds from *A Night of a Thousand Joys* support the artistic, educational and community service programs of The Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$400 each. Joyful dress is encouraged. For more information on the Gala, please contact Michelle White, Development Associate, at (202) 232-7267 or mwhite@studiotheatre.org.

Studio Theatre Trustee **Liz Cullen** chairs the Annual Gala. Joining her on the Gala Committee are Board Chair **Susan L. Butler**, Board Members **Nancy Abeles**, **Irene Harriet Blum**, **Vincent Brown** and **Linda Skalet**.

The Corporate Producer is **Chevy Chase Bank**, a division of **Capital One**, N.A. Gala Patrons are **Marvin Weissberg** and **Judith Morris**, **The Washington Post Company** and an **Anonymous Patron**. Underwriters are **Susan and Dixon Butler**, **Jaylee Mead** and **Gerry and Laura Rosberg**. Gala Hosts are **Frances Lewis**, **HSBC Bank USA**, **K3 Construction Group**, **Lutz Alexander Prager** and **Turner Construction**.

Gala Co-Hosts are **John and Nancy Abeles**, **Ron and Anne Abramson**, **Carolyn Alper**, **Marion and Rick Ballard**, **Morton and Grace Bender**, **Don and Nancy Bliss**, **Bob**

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The Studio Theatre thanks **Bowman Distilleries, Busboys and Poets/Eatonville, Cork Wine Bar/Cork Market** and **Logan Tavern/Commissary** for their gracious beverage donations in support of the Gala.

The Gala is the first of many celebrations for Joy Zinoman that will take place in 2010. After 35 years under Zinoman's leadership as Founding Artistic Director, The Studio Theatre is entering an important and exciting period of transition. The national search for a new artistic director is underway, led by the executive search firm Phillips Oppenheim, dedicated to finding great leaders for mission-driven non-profits. The announcement of the new Artistic Director is expected in late spring 2010.

THE STUDIO THEATRE INFORMATION

The Studio Theatre's mission is to produce the best in contemporary theatre. Its restless, innovative spirit makes it a leader both in Washington, DC, and in the nation. Artist-founded and artist-driven, The Studio Theatre demands the highest quality production values. In its four-theatre performance complex, The Studio Theatre brings audiences provocative writing and unparalleled artistry in performance, directing and design. 2ndStage uses the raw, flexible Stage 4 to create edgy and irreverent productions that complement The Studio Theatre's season, and our Special Events open the theatre's doors to one-of-a-kind artists that would not otherwise be seen in Washington.

The Studio Theatre provides opportunities for developing theatre artists as year-long Apprentices and in Studio 2ndStage. The Acting Conservatory offers rigorous professional theatre training in close partnership with the working artists at The Studio Theatre. The Theatre is deeply invested in the community and in neighborhood revitalization.

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