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## SYRACUSE STAGE GOLDEN GALA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF REMARKABLE STORYTELLING



Virtual Silent Auction Open Now to Everyone

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SYRACUSE, NY – Syracuse Stage announced today it will launch its year-long 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the <u>Golden</u> <u>Gala</u> on April 14 in the Grand Ballroom at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown. The evening festivities include a look back at five decades worth of theatre costume design and high-flying entertainment by renowned New York City performers 2 Ring Circus. All proceeds from the gala support artistic, community engagement and educational programming at Syracuse Stage.

Also, part of Gala is a silent auction that is open to Gala attendees and the public. Bidding is open now for the online silent auction and includes a wide variety of unique items and priceless experiences, some starting at \$30. A full list of items and descriptions is available for <u>viewing and bidding online</u>.

"Gathering together with new supporters and longtime patrons alike at our annual gala is always a thrill," said Jill A. Anderson, Syracuse Stage Managing Director. "This year, the event marks the beginning of a celebration of our first 50



years of storytelling and a springboard to the next 50 years of building community throughout Central New York and beyond. Whether you've been a fan of Stage for 50 years or 50 days, we invite you to join in this journey."

Auction registration is available at <u>thegoldengala.givesmart.com</u> or by texting THEGOLDENGALA to 76278. Items available for bidding include Bruce Springsteen tickets at the JMA Wireless Dome; one-of-a-kind theatre memorabilia; travel opportunities to exotic locales with round-trip airfare and deluxe accommodations, valid for three years with no blackout dates, and locations closer to home; specialty gift baskets; restaurant packages; and much more. Bidding closes Friday, April 14 at 11:59 p.m.

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## About Syracuse Stage:

Founded in 1974 and celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, Syracuse Stage is the non-profit, professional theatre company in residence at Syracuse University. It is nationally recognized for creating stimulating theatrical work that engages Central New York audiences and significantly contributes to the artistic life of Syracuse University, where it is a vital partner in achieving the educational mission of the University's Department of Drama. Stage's mission is to tell stories that engage, entertain, and inspire people to see life beyond their own experience. Each season, 70,000 patrons enjoy an adventurous mix of new plays, and bold interpretations of classics and musicals, featuring the finest theatre artists. In addition, Stage maintains a vital educational outreach program that annually serves more than 15,000 students from 14 counties. Nationally, Syracuse Stage is a member of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for American theatre; The League of Resident Theatres (LORT), the largest professional theatre association in the country; the Professional Non-Profit Theatre Coalition (PNTC), independent venues, promoters, and festivals representing every state, Washington, D.C., and Guam. Regionally, Syracuse Stage is a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA), Center State CEO, the University Hill Corporation, and the East Genesee Regent Association.

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