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WICKED RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY; CROWNED GRAND MARSHALS OF 2009 CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PARADE

Events Start Thursday, June 11

Indianapolis, IN (June 8, 2009) - Select cast members from **WICKED** will host a dance party at 45 Degrees on Thursday, June 11; on Friday, June 12, **WICKED** joins the members of NOISE! at Legends Show Lounge at Talbott Street to sing in a cabaret with Indy's own local performers and Saturday, June 13, cast members will ride in the Circle City IN Pride Parade as Grand Marshals. "I am very proud of the continuing support for important LGBT causes by the **WICKED** companies, particularly the paramount issue of equality, in marriage and all other parts of society, says Stephen Schwartz", **WICKED**'s lyricist and composer. "I appreciate your organization recognizing that. Have a great parade!"

After curtain falls, the cast from **WICKED** will walk over to 45 Degrees to host a Dance Party to benefit Step-Up Indy and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Dance the night away to the greatest dance tracks from Disco through today, sung by your favorite **WICKED** cast members. Donna Summer, The Bee-Gees, Madonna, the B52s, the list goes on! Tickets are \$20 at the door and patrons will enjoy **WICKED**-themed drinks and menu items, and a raffle/door prize/silent auction of **WICKED** paraphernalia. Proceeds will go towards Step-Up and BC/EFA. Go to www.stepupin.org and www.broadwaycares.org for more information on these organizations. This event will be held at 45 Degrees, 765 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The following night, come to NOISE! at the Legends Lounge at Talbott Street as some of Indy's most talented performers grace the stage at this social extravaganza from 9pm until 1am. **WICKED** cast members will join them after the show for open mic and cabaret with a live pianist. The mind-blowing belting and witty repartee of the NOISE! hosts, the musical genius of the man behind the keys and the voices from one of the most popular shows in the world will keep things hoppin' for an evening of fun that will not be forgotten. Autographed **WICKED** posters and Playbills will be auctioned off and will benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Talbott Street is located at 2145 North Talbott Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Go to www.noiseindy.com for more information.

On Saturday morning, June 13, see your favorite **WICKED** cast members as they assume their latest role: Grand Marshals of the 2009 Circle City IN Pride Parade! The parade begins at 10:00 am at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and College, and you can watch the cast as they ride their very own float through the Mass Ave Arts District to University Park. The Grand Marshals will be joined by more than 20 floats and over 100 total units in what is bound to be the best parade yet. The nearly hour and a half long parade will be immediately followed by Circle City IN Pride Festival, which is a day long event featuring 160 vendors and entertainment from all over the country. For up-to-the-minute details on the week long calendar of events culminating in the Circle City IN Pride Parade & Festival, be sure to check out <http://www.IndyPrideInc.org>.

