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## **THE BEST OF THE SECOND CITY AND WICKED'S KRISTY CATES BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND AT METROPOLIS IN JANUARY**

Arlington Heights, Ill., December 15, 2006 – Following its seventh-annual run of the always-popular *The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue*, Chicago's #1 comedy improv troupe is sticking around Metropolis after the holidays with another very hot show, *The Best of The Second City*.

Venerable disease, George W. Bush and evangelist car salesmen have a place together, and it's on stage with The Second City. For over 45 years, this legendary comedy troupe has been satirizing at the expense of politicians, Bette Midler and your mother, and at times without their pants. For its January run at Metropolis, *The Best of Second City* stars Second City company members **Laura Grey, Sarah Haskins, Jordan Klepper, Michael Lehrer, Aimee McKay** and **Tim Sniffen**. **David Pompeii** is Director. **Chuck Malone** is Musical Director. **Meghan Teal** is Stage Manager. Don't miss this chance to see the new generation of Belushi, Fey and Farley in the making, and someday you'll say, "I saw them when..." Performances are January 5 -20, 2007: Fridays at 8 pm, and Saturday at 7 pm and 10 pm. Tickets are \$22 and \$27 (next to the stage.) Suggested rating: R.

**And here's a Wicked-cool Metropolis box office update:** Three of Kristy Cates' four solo concerts the weekend of January 26-28, 2007 are completely sold out. **In fact, only 100 tickets remain for a newly added 3 pm matinee of *An Intimate Evening with Kristy Cates* on Saturday, January 27.**

Don't miss it when Cates, fresh from her run in *Wicked* as Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, performs her favorite numbers, old standards and lesser known tunes in Metropolis' more intimate cabaret setting. Last October, Cates not only sold out her debut performance at Metropolis, she created a 500-person waiting list, prompting her return this January by popular demand. Tickets are only \$30, four tickets per person only. Reminder: performances Friday, January 26 at 8 pm, Saturday January 27 at 7 pm, and Sunday, January 28 at 3 pm are already sold out.

The Metropolis Performing Arts Centre is centrally located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs at 111 W. Campbell St. in downtown Arlington Heights. For tickets and information, call the Metropolis box office, **(847) 577-2121**, stop by Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (or until show time), Sun., 1-5 p.m. (or until show time), or purchase tickets online at **MetropolisArts.com**.

Free parking is available in the covered garage directly behind the theater. Metropolis offers wheelchair, easy access seating and a hearing amplification system. Ask the box office to book pre- or post-show dinner reservations at nearby restaurants including Carlos n' Carlos, a new dining destination located right in the Metropolis complex. Metropolis also continues to make live theater more accessible to younger audiences, with a half-price student rush policy on single tickets, one hour before show time.

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**\*Note to calendar editors: Comedian Brett Butler's appearances at Metropolis on January 27 and 28 have been cancelled. The Metropolis New Plays Festival is also taking a hiatus this season, but free Sunday afternoon new script readings are expected to return to Metropolis in January 2008.**