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METROPOLIS SHOW CHOIR RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT FROM SUN SHINE PROJECT

Arlington Heights, Ill., December 12, 2011 – Metropolis Performing Arts Centre received a generous grant from Chicago Sun-Times' Sun Shine Project in support of its new Limelight Singers show choir program.

The Chicago Sun-Times Charity Trust awards grants to charities in the Chicago area that support youth in education, art and civic causes. This year, the Trust established the Sun Shine Project to help “shine a light” on deserving non-profit organizations and awarded over \$500,000 to more than 40 different organizations. As part of the contest, visitors to the Sun Shine website were allowed to cast votes for their favorite projects.

Metropolis is proud to be one of the organizations awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Sun Shine Project. This money will specifically support the brand new Limelight Singers show choir program. The program started in the fall of 2011 as an additional ensemble group for Metropolis School of the Performing Arts' talented vocal students to audition for and join. The group already has two performances under their belt, and more than a half dozen more scheduled through the spring of 2012, including performances on Metropolis' main stage with professional artists and bands.

Metropolis School of the Performing Arts provides extra-curricular arts classes and performance opportunities, a community of friends with similar interests, an accepting environment, and the opportunity to progress to an elite level within the performing arts. For more information on Metropolis School of the Performing Arts, visit www.MetropolisArts.com/sopa.

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Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a complete 2011/2012 performance schedule, visit **MetropolisArts.com** or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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