Behind the scenes: 'The Magical Exploding Boy and the Invisible Circus'

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"The Invisible Circus Revealed" is a unique opportunity to get on the stage, behind the scenes and into the minds of local creative innovators. Following a champagne reception and seeing The Magical Exploding Boy and the Invisible Circus, audience members will tour the stage, meet the cast, and get exclusive insights from the creative team.

The Actors Gymnasium is a performance laboratory where some of the most innovative and ground-breaking physical theatre in Illinois is developed.

Recognized for its longstanding collaboration with the Lookingglass Theatre, The Actors Gymnasium trains multidisciplinary performing artists who have performed on stages from coast to coast.



The Creative Innovators:

Larry DiStasi (Director/Co-writer/Co-artistic director) - is a co-Founder of both the Tony Award winning Lookingglass Theatre and The Actors Gymnasium.

Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi (Circus choreographer/Co-artistic director) - is a co-Founder of The Actors Gymnasium whose choreography has received 4 Jeff Awards. Recent credits include Lookingglass Theatre's The Little Prince and Northwestern's upcoming Moby Dick.

Dean Evans (Clown/Mime/Co-writer) is as an actor, teacher, solo-performing artist and a major force in the physical theatre community of Chicago. His work recently earned him recognition as A Player in Newcity Stage's "The Players 2014: The Fifty People Who Really Perform in Chicago."

Lindsey Noel Whiting (Actress/Co-writer) is recognized for her musical and acrobatic work at Lookingglass Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Redmoon, Victory Gardens, and the circus-punk-marching band, Mucca Pazza.

Tickets are \$50 each (incl \$30 tax-deduction).

Sponsors for this special benefit performance include The Wine Goddess, Temperance Beer Co., Whole Foods-South Evanston, and Fannie May Chocolates. All proceeds will support creative innovation at The Actors Gymnasium, which reaches over 17,000 people a year.

Program:

7:00 p.m. - Libations and chocolates

7:30 p.m. - Performance of The Magical Exploding Boy and the Invisible Circus

9:00 - 10:30 p.m. - Explore the stage, take photos with the cast, enjoy the reception and hear from the creative team.

Location

Noyes Cultural Arts Center

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