

# Lookingglass Board Plans A Ball

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CHICAGO — Lookingglass Theatre's Junior Board announces the 14th Annual Madhatter's Ball, "The Madhatter's Maritime Ball," held at Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave., on Saturday, August 29. The VIP reception begins at 7 p.m. The event is from 8 p.m.-midnight with an after-party at the IO Rooftop Lounge at The Godfrey Hotel (127 W Huron St). Proceeds from the event will support the operation and expansion of Lookingglass' acclaimed education and community programs, which encourage self-esteem and creativity in thousands of students every year. Tickets can be purchased at [lookingglasstheatre.org/madhatters](http://lookingglasstheatre.org/madhatters) or by calling 312-337-0665.

The Madhatter's Ball is a high-profile fundraiser unlike any other. For the first time ever, the historic Water Works on Michigan Avenue will be transformed with a high-seas takeover worthy of the best sea-faring adventures. The evening includes one-of-a-kind performances, musical acts, DJs, dancing, costumes, specialty themed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this wonderful event and to help support Lookingglass' commitment to creating new theatrical works and enhancing its Education and Community programs.

Attire is "nautical cocktail." Attendees will have the chance to enter a costume contest for prizes. Costumes are optional, but hats are recommended. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

The Madhatter's Maritime Ball is hosted by Kasey Foster and will honor Lookingglass Ensemble Members David Kersnar, Founder of the Lookingglass Education Department, and Thomas J. Cox, Master Teacher. The Madhatter's Ball Event Chair is Jason Griffith.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Lookingglass box office, 312-337-0665 or online at [lookingglasstheatre.org/madhatters](http://lookingglasstheatre.org/madhatters). Regular tickets (purchased before July 15) are \$110 each and include the celebration at Water Works and admission to the after-party. VIP Tickets are \$190 each and also include a VIP bar, enhanced gift bag, and other surprises. Virtual tables of eight tickets are also available for \$1,500 (regular) or \$2,000 (VIP).

Event Sponsors for the 14th Annual Madhatter's Ball include Evian, ComEd, Choose Chicago, Susan & Gary Milligan, Sidley Austin LLP, Buzz22 Chicago, Hearn, The Actors Gymnasium, The Mix 101.9, and Color Image.

Entertainment and Art: The Actors Gymnasium, DJ Lani Love, Swaguerrilla, and magicians Ricardo Rosenkranz and Benjamin Barnes.

## *About the Lookingglass Junior Board*

*The Lookingglass Theatre Junior Board promotes Lookingglass Theatre Company to a broad demographic. It assists in raising funds for the theatre's operation, expansion and outreach of Lookingglass' Education and Community programs, which encourage creativity, teamwork and confidence for thousands of community members each year.*

*Founded in November 2001, The Lookingglass Junior Board has quickly grown to become one of the most influential associate boards in Chicago. With more than 30 members from various professions, it represents the diversity, energy and enthusiasm that has helped Lookingglass to become one of the nation's premier theatre companies. The Junior Board supports Lookingglass through marketing, networking, and special events designed to garner awareness and raise funds.*

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### *About Lookingglass Theatre Company*

Inventive. Collaborative. Transformative. Lookingglass Theatre Company, recipient of the 2011 Regional Theatre Tony Award, was founded in 1988 by eight Northwestern University students. Now in its 27th season, Lookingglass is home to a multi-disciplined ensemble of artists who create story-centered theatrical work that is physical, aurally rich and visually metaphoric. The Company has staged 62 world premieres, received 101 Joseph Jefferson awards and nominations, and work premiered at Lookingglass has been produced in New York City, Los Angeles, Seattle, Berkeley, Philadelphia, Princeton, Hartford, Kansas City, Washington D.C., and St. Louis. Lookingglass original scripts have been produced across the United States.

The Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago's landmark Water Tower Water Works opened in June 2003. In addition to developing and presenting ensemble work, Lookingglass Education and Community programs encourage creativity, teamwork and confidence with thousands of community members each year.

Lookingglass Theatre Company continues to expand its artistic, financial and institutional boundaries under the guidance of Artistic Director Andrew White, Executive Director Rachel Kraft, Producing Artistic Director Philip R. Smith, Artistic Director of New Work Heidi Stillman, a 24-member artistic ensemble, 15 artistic associates, 11 production affiliates, an administrative staff and a dedicated board of directors led by Chairman Joe Brady of Jones Lang LaSalle and President John McGowan of CTC | myCFO (a part of BMO Financial Group). For more information, visit [lookingglasstheatre.org](http://lookingglasstheatre.org).