

'Taste of Culture' at Backstage Evanston

Seventeen performing arts groups will showcase their work in the second annual BackStage Evanston event from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Ethel M. Barber Theater on the Northwestern University campus.

Presented by the Arts & Business Committee of the Evanston Arts Council and the City of Evanston, BackStage Evanston is a one-stop-shop for anyone interested in music, theatre and dance.

Each participating organization will present a five-minute performance and offer discounted tickets to their new season's performances. These discounts will be offered only that day at BackStage Evanston.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra, Renovo String Orchestra and The Savoyaires are new participants this year, joining The Actors Gymnasium, Evanston Dance Ensemble, Evanston Symphony Orchestra, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, The Lakeside Singers, Light Opera Works, The Musical Offering, Music Institute of Chicago, Next Theatre Company, North Shore Choral Society, Northwestern University Theatre Department, Piccolo Theatre, Piven Theatre Workshop and Theatre Zarko in the showcase.

"I see this event as a 'taste' of Evanston's cultural offerings," explained Penny Rotheiser, chair of BackStage Evanston. "Our community is so fortunate to have all of these wonderful groups and BackStage Evanston is the only place you can see them all at once — and get discounts. It's a great deal," said Rotheiser.

The \$20 entrance voucher is redeemable for a special offer of equal value from any participating organization. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.BackStageEvanston.com or by phone at 847-448-8260.

The Ethel M. Barber Theater is located at 30 Arts Circle Drive on the Northwestern University campus. Free parking is available in the parking deck on Arts Circle Drive.

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