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STAGES ST. LOUIS MUSICAL CABARET RAISES \$60,000

(St. Louis, MO) – Stages St. Louis, the professional, not-for-profit musical theater company, announced today that its one-time event *Ben, Ron, & Jack - Together Again for the First Time* held this past Monday raised proceeds of over \$60,000. Funds raised from the event will go to support the Stages education & outreach programs, which have served over 6,500 students in the metro area since their inception five years ago.

The event was held on Monday, August 10 at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood, and featured a musical revue by Stages Executive Producer Jack Lane, Managing Director Ron Gibbs and Kevin Kline Award winner Ben Nordstrom. Over 400 guests attended the event. Notable attendees included:

- ★ Bank Midwest Regional President and Stages Board President Craig Conway
- ★ Global Chairman & CEO of Ernst & Young Jim Turley and his wife Lynne, Stages Board Member
- ★ Brown Shoe Wholesale President and Stages Board member Gary Rich and his wife Diana
- ★ Sachs Properties President and Stages Board Member Kathy Higgins and husband Paul
- ★ Edward Jones Partner Robert Ciapciak and his wife Mary
- ★ Project Director of BSI Constructors Jim Shaughnessy and his wife Karen
- ★ Stages Board Member Judy Kent

The recipient of the 2008 Excellence in Arts Award from the Arts & Education Council, Stages St. Louis was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theater and providing performing arts educational opportunities to the community, serving students both at the Stages Performing Arts Academy in Chesterfield and through numerous outreach programs. The mission of Stages is to become the leading company for musical theater performance and education in the Midwest.

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