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Free Holiday Show to Feature Local NEDSRA Talent

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. December 3, 2008 — On **Thursday, December 11th**, NEDSRA's Theatre and Choir Troupe plan to ring in the holidays with a little help from their friends. The 17-member group, comprising men and women with mental or physical disabilities, will host its **2nd Annual Holiday Show at Oakbrook Terrace Park District's Mario Parente Theater at the Heritage Center from 7 – 9pm**. Tickets are free, but guests must pre-register by contacting NEDSRA at 630-620-4500.

The SRA (Special Recreation Association) Holiday Show features yuletide songs performed as solos, duets, and group numbers. The now-annual event provides family, friends and neighbors a sneak peek at the collective talents of adults participating in the cultural arts programs of NEDSRA (Northeast Special Recreation Association). While this is only the group's second holiday show, few of the performers are new to the stage. Many of the 17 members of the NEDSRA Troupe have performed with the agency's Theater and Choir Troupe since the program's inception four years ago.

"I love singing holiday songs on stage in front of a big audience. My boyfriend is in the program too!" explains Yvonne Blais, a 26-year old in the program for 4 years now. In order to stage this Holiday Show, NEDSRA Theatre and Choir Troupe interrupted rehearsals on *Dreams!*, a springtime production that will be performed at the Mario Parente Theater on March 5, 2009.

Joining the NEDSRA Troupe for the SRA Holiday Show this year are adult participants from the Northwest (NWSRA) and Western DuPage (WDSRA) special recreation association programs. Altogether, the entire production will showcase the vocal talents of some 30 disabled adults. (See list of NEDSRA singers attached.)

INFORMATION ABOUT NEDSRA

NEDSRA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization serving children and adults with disabilities in conjunction with Addison Park District, Bensenville Park District, Butterfield Park District, Village of Glendale Heights, Itasca Park District, Lombard Park District, Medinah Park District, Oakbrook Terrace Park District, Village of Schiller Park, Village of Villa Park, and Wood Dale Park District. For more information about NEDSRA programs for people with disabilities, visit our website at www.nedsra.org or call 630-620-4500 and ask for a program manager.

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**2008 SRA Holiday Show Performers
Mario Parente Theater at the Heritage Center
Presented by NEDSRA and the Oakbrook Terrace Park District
December 11, 2008**

- Yvonne Blais, Villa Park
- Ted Callahan, Lombard
- John Conroy, Roselle
- Christa Deprizio, Villa Park
- Steve Gooding, Villa Park
- Sarah Guidolin, Villa Park
- John Johnson, Bloomingdale
- Jeffry Kaiser, Lombard
- Michael Klufetos, Addison
- Amanda Lycko, Lombard
- David Morpew, Glendale Heights
- Bobby Parrilli, Villa Park
- Katie Prentice, Lombard
- Anthony Scrivo, Addison
- John Soen, Itasca
- Thomas Tumasonis, Glendale Heights
- Carissa Welter, Lombard