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NEDSRA Theater and Choir Troupe presents

“THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC”

Addison, IL, February 18, 2010 – Twenty-three NEDSRA Theater and Choir Troupe members will showcase their singing, acting and comedic skills in front of families and friends at the Mario Parente Theater located in Oakbrook Terrace at 1S376 Ardmore Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4. The annual performance attracts more than 150 people; pre-registration by calling NEDSRA at 630-620-4500 is recommended.

In preparation for this show, these thespians and singers have been practicing musical numbers ranging from Broadway plays to popular movies, as well as comedy sketches and some dance routines for 22 weeks. In addition, members hone their skills at home.

NEDSRA started its theater program for adults with disabilities in 2004 with 11 participants and has since grown steadily. Participants come primarily from the agency’s 11 member partner districts in Addison, Bensenville, Butterfield Park District, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, Oakbrook Terrace, Schiller Park, Villa Park and Wood Dale. Many of these cast members have been working together since the program’s inception.

For most, the excitement and anticipation never seems to go away. Yet regardless of any opening night jitters, cast members cannot wait to show their audiences how hard they have worked when the curtains rise for their shows. NEDSRA Recreation Coordinator Maggie Krohn sees the emotions that come from the members at the rehearsals.

“It is truly amazing to watch the transformation these individuals undergo on stage,” Krohn said. “[To see] the level of self-confidence and pride, and the fact that they are having so much fun during the performance makes the months of preparation and hard work worth it. Everyone involved in the program looks forward to it all year.”

ABOUT NEDSRA

NEDSRA is a 501 (c)(3)not-for-profit organization that provides recreational and leisure programs for adults and children with disabilities in partnership with the 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. Visit www.nedsra.org or call 630-620-4500 for more information.

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