



Sidetrack Hosts Celebrity Auction to Benefit Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame

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Chicago, IL - The Fourteenth Annual Hall of Fame Celebrity Auction benefits the 2006 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, announced Clarence N. Wood, Chair of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, and Laura Rissover, Chair of the Commission's Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (ACLGBTI). The auction will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St. The cocktail reception and registration begin at 7 p.m. and bidding starts at 8 p.m. The registration fee of \$10 includes one cocktail, hors d'oeuvres from J and L Catering, raffle tickets, an auction paddle to bid with, and a \$10 credit on auction purchases. The event is sponsored by the Alley, J and L Catering, Ketel One Vodka, Miller Lite, Sidetrack, Star Gaze and Steamworks, and it is hosted by Sidetrack.



Auctioneers for the evening are David Boyer, Circuit Mom and Amy Matheny, host of the new Windy City Queercast. Guest entertainers include Honey West and Windy City Gay Idol Luis Vega.

Prominent personalities from Chicago's LGBT communities offer items and services for bidders during both live and silent auctions. Items include dining packages, video collector sets, pet care services, art objects, gift baskets, theatre tickets, catered parties, Gay Games VII memorabilia, and much more.

"This year there are two fabulous trips. One is a New York theatre package; the other, a vacation in Key West. Both include airfare and hotel," said Bill Greaves, ACLGBTI director. "In addition, 2006 VOX artist-of-the-year, author, and television personality (The Young and the Restless) Thom Bierdz will paint live during the auction and offer his finished artwork to bidders."

The 2006 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in early November. The event is privately funded through donations from individuals, businesses, organizations, and fundraising events. Staff support is provided by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, members of ACLGBTI, and volunteers. Chicago is the only municipality to honor its LGBT communities in this manner. The Hall of Fame pays tribute to its inductees and documents the LGBT communities' heritage and diversity through its annual publication and its Web site (www.glhalloffame.org).

Individuals, businesses, and organizations that wish to donate or need additional information may contact Bill Greaves at 312-744-7911(voice) or 312-744-1088 (TTY) or the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame at 773-281-5077 (voice). Contributions may be sent to The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, 3712 N. Broadway St., Box 637, Chicago, Illinois 60613-4235.