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PORTLAND CENTER STAGE ANNOUNCES 3RD ANNUAL CURTAINS UP! GALA *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights*

On Friday, April 21st, 2006 Portland Center Stage hosts the 3rd Annual Curtains Up! Gala, squeezing *One Thousand and One Arabian Nights* into one incredible evening in downtown Portland!

Arts champions from throughout the Portland community have collaborated to infuse this celebration with all the mystique of Sinbad, Ali Baba and Aladdin combined. Event co-chairs **Tim and Rachel Wallace**, along with committee members **Judy North, Barbara West, Luce Giroux, Louise Lague, Becky Johnson, Sherry Mills, Brandon Zabrocki, Ellyn Bye and Marilyn Jensen** and **PCS Board Chair, Gregory Ness** have left no details to chance on this night of revelry to benefit **Portland Center Stage**.

Following up on two years of incredible popularity (*Curtains Up!* in the Portland Armory, 2004 and *Anything Goes*, 2005), this year's affair takes place in the Kridel Grand Ballroom of the Mark Building, the newly renovated wing of Portland Art Museum. Inspired by this spectacular theme and the opulence of the beautifully refurbished, renovated former Masonic Temple, the artisans of Portland Center Stage bring their amazing storytelling talents to bear on this exclusive event. See the amazing technical and performance capabilities, the inspired creativity you've admired for years on our stages, employed to conjure the exotic beauty and danger of the magical world of Arabian Nights. Immerse yourself in a garden of delight amidst an ancient desert landscape populated with genies, horse-princes, flying carpets and beautiful belly-dancers.

Here's a taste of what's in store...

- * A fabulous **Three-course Feast** created by Salvador Molly's
- * A **Ruby Raffle** to adorn the fortunate
- * An Auction of **Exotic Items** to indulge eccentric predilections
- * **Belly Dancing** to entertain and inspire
- * **Mysterious Music** by The Brothers of the Baladi
- * and **Endless Theatrical Surprises** to keep you guessing!

Date: April 21st, 2006

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Portland Art Museum, Kridel Grand Ballroom

Expected Attendance: 400 Guests

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