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Main Street Theater's Sixth Annual Autumn Follies Gala

Fiddler on the Loop

Mayor Annise Parker and KHOU's Len Cannon Will Star

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Main Street Theater's Autumn Follies Gala will return on Friday, October 8 at Main Street Theater – Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose Blvd. This year's celebrity-studded, one-night-only benefit performance will be the original musical send-up *Fiddler on the Loop*, with cameo appearances by celebrities including **Mayor Annise Parker**, KHOU's **Len Cannon**, **Judge Jan Krock**, 184th District Court, **Ernie Manouse**, Host of PBS' *InnerVIEWS with Ernie Manouse*, **Sarah Gish** of Gish Creative, Houston PBS' **Doug Mueller**, and Houston Chronicle Blog Theater Critic **Buzz Belmont**.

The one-hour performance will highlight an evening which will feature live and silent auctions, heavy hors d'oeuvres reception catered by the Chelsea Grill, wine and champagne. As guests arrive at the valet parking kiosk, they will hear and see a transformed Chelsea Market courtyard. The sounds of live jazz will be heard in the evening air. The courtyard will be alive with costumed actors and set pieces. Guests will meet characters from hit MST productions - past, present and future, enjoy delicious treats to eat and drink, and peruse the silent auction. Then the live auction and performance of *Fiddler on the Loop* will take place inside the theater, followed by champagne and dessert.

The event will benefit MST's education and outreach programs.

Since 1975, Main Street Theater has produced high quality professional theater for audiences of all ages through its MainStage productions and Main Street Youth Theater. The Main Street Theater Kids On Stage program offers performing arts classes and camps for children 5 years to 14 years of age. The organization produces plays at two locations, 2540 Times Boulevard in Rice Village and 4617 Montrose Boulevard at Chelsea Market.

Main Street Theater is a member of the Fresh Arts Coalition, a collaboration of 25 arts organizations that work collectively to raise awareness of the size and diversity of the arts in Houston, and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters. Main Street Theater offers a lively year-round repertory of classic and contemporary plays for audiences of all ages and provides a much-needed showcase for Houston theater professionals. Main Street Theater is also a member of Actors' Equity Association and of ASSITEJ, the world theatre network of theatre for children and young people. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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