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Seventh Annual Autumn Follies Gala Benefitting Education & Outreach

The Sound of Montrose

October 14, 2011

Main Street Theater's Autumn Follies Gala will return on Friday, October 14 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 *The Sound of Montrose*, with cameo appearances by **Deborah Duncan**, KHOU Channel 11 host of *Great Day Houston*; **Erica Rose** of *The Bachelor: Rome*, VH1's *You're Cut Off*, & ABC's *The Bachelor Pad*; **Lisa Malosky**, CEO, Lisa Malosky Productions / Associate Editor, Health and Fitness Sports Magazine; **George Greanias**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Houston's METRO; radio personality **Donna McKenzie**; **Ernie Manouse**, host of PBS' *InnerVIEWS with Ernie Manouse*; **Lance Zierlein**, writer/creator of the Houston Chronicle's "The Z Report," owner/operator of View from the Sideline; **Helen Jenkins**, Executive Vice President and Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law; **David Nachtigall**, Attorney and guitarist for The Handsomes; **Marty Thompson**, Vice President, Manners Pro; and HoustonPBS' **Doug Mueller**. The one-hour performance is the highlight of an evening which will feature a silent auction chaired by John Bradshaw, Jr., a cocktail reception catered by the Chelsea Grill, wine, champagne, and dessert. For more information on sponsorships and tickets, call **713-524-3622** or visit **MainStreetTheater.com**.

The event will benefit MST's education and outreach programs. Through MST's Curtains Up Fund, **29,495 school students saw a play at its Theater for Youth with free or discounted tickets** during the 2010-11 season. MST's hit tour of *Hank the Cowdog* played to **over 51,000** people across the state of Texas. The resident Theater for Youth productions played to **87,936** children, families, and educators. MST's MainStage productions reached **20,077** people. The Education Department is currently working with youth in residence at juvenile detention facilities served by **Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**. MST's summer camp had **935** children registered. Through the Education Department's satellite programs, MST served **1,597** students across the greater Houston area.



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