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Dear Friends of CenterStage,

We hope you enjoyed the 2006 CenterStage productions of *Rounding Third*, *Seussical the Musical*, and *The Velveteen Rabbit*. This was the 36th year for CenterStage, and planning for our 2007 productions is underway. In March 2007, we are teaming up with The Rotary Club of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff for *Community Capers 2007*, a musical romp that will have some fun with a variety of local subjects. The show is being written by a creative team led by Joanna Rolek. Idona Griffith will direct, and Carol Goldthwaite and Paul Tribbs will produce the show. Auditions will be on January 13-14 at Gorton, and you are invited to join the fun. We are planning to have a reception for CenterStage Members before or after one of the performances of *Community Capers 2007* (details to follow).

The July 2007 summer musical will be *Mame*, to be directed by Wayne Mell, with musical direction by Carol Ramsey. We are planning to offer the third annual "How To Audition" Workshop on May 12, before the *Mame* auditions on May 19-20. Performances of *Mame* are planned for the last 2 weekends in July. The third CenterStage production of 2007, with performances in October, will be announced soon.

The CenterStage mission is to "produce theatrical events with people of all ages from Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, Knollwood, and surrounding communities. We attract, train, and retain talent in all aspects of the theatre arts, while emphasizing a fun, rewarding experience." CenterStage offers live drama and musical theatre that is just a few moments from home, convenient to local restaurants, and parking is free. Ticket sales only cover a fraction of our production costs, however. We are a non-profit organization that relies primarily on volunteer effort, but we have to pay for the auditorium, royalties, costumes, musical scores, sets, lighting, and sound. We need your support to maintain the high level of excellence that CenterStage has always offered to our community.

We invite you to become a CenterStage member for 2007, by filling out the attached form and mailing it back to us. Membership requires a donation of \$25 or more. The names of the members will be printed in all show programs during 2007, unless you prefer to remain anonymous. In addition, members will be contacted before the normal box office opens to the public, and given priority consideration for the specific performance dates and seating. CenterStage is a tax-exempt non-profit organization, and your donation is deductible to the extent allowed by federal law.

For the latest information about CenterStage, please visit our website at www.centerstagelakeforest.org. If you have any questions or need more information, please leave a message on the CenterStage hotline (847) 234-6062.

Thank you for helping us continue a 36 year tradition of community theatre in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood.

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