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Three Rogers Park Theatre Companies in the Spotlight **Jeffs, After Dark Awards & Theatre on the Lake take note of** **BoHo, Theo Ubique and Lifeline**

What: Three Rogers Park theater companies within a block of each other on Glenwood Avenue are receiving kudos this season. Lifeline Theatre, Bohemian Theatre Ensemble and Theo Ubique in association with Michael James are all located on Glenwood Avenue in the Glenwood Avenue Arts District of Rogers Park. The three companies have had critically acclaimed seasons, have been awarded After Dark awards and are nominated for 7 or more Jeff Awards for their current seasons. Between the three companies, their total 25 Jeff nods comprise 23% of the 109 total nominations announced by the Jeff Citations Wing, making an impressive showing for the burgeoning Glenwood Avenue Arts District. In addition, all three companies have been selected to appear at Theater on the Lake this summer, providing 3 of the 8 offerings thought to be the 'best of the best' by the Chicago Park District's TOTL.

Lifeline Theatre: Lifeline is receiving a special Award from the Jeff committee honoring their body of work and their contribution to the Rogers Park community over the last 24 years. They also garnered 8 Jeff nominations for their production of *GAUDY NIGHT* and *A ROOM WITH A VIEW*.

Awards: 8 Jeff nominations, 1 Jeff Special Citation Award for body of work, 2 After Dark Awards

Where: Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Avenue

Contact: 773-761-4477, www.lifelinetheatre.com

Theatre on the Lake: *GAUDY NIGHT*, with 7 Jeff nominations, will be presented by Theatre on the Lake, June 27-July 1, 2007.

Now playing at Lifeline: *CROSSING CALIFORNIA*, based on the novel by Rogers Park native Adam Langer. The play takes place in Rogers Park in 1979. Special lobby display donated by the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society. *CROSSING CALIFORNIA* runs until June 24, 2007.

Praise for Lifeline:

"This is a...very smart and entertaining show from the Chicago theater that does this kind of thing with less pretension but more authenticity than anyone else in town." --Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune*

"Forget Brad and Angelina! Jennifer Tyler and Peter Greenberg keep the chemistry simmering."

--Mary Shen Barnidge, *Windy City Times*

Bohemian Theatre Ensemble: BoHo's production of *SIDE SHOW*, their first Jeff eligible production, was honored with 9 nominations. Bohemian Theatre Ensemble is a new resident of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District, producing at the Heartland Studio Theatre.

Awards: 9 Jeff nominations, 3 After Dark awards

Where: Heartland Studio Theater, 7016 N. Glenwood Avenue

Contact: 773-791-2393, www.bohotheatre.com

Theatre on the Lake: *SIDE SHOW*, with 7 Jeff nominations, will be presented by Theatre on the Lake, July 18-22, 2007.

Coming up at BoHo: *GROSS INDECENCY*, opening July 27, 2007.

Praise for BoHo:

"Stephen M. Genovese's production inarguably is the best non-Equity musical staged here in years."

--Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune* (Highly Recommended)

"Bohemian's SIDE SHOW gets top marks." --Hedy Weiss, *Chicago Sun-Times* (Recommended)

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Theo Ubique: Theo Ubique Theatre Company in association with Michael James received 7 nominations spread between two of their offerings this season, *FLORA THE RED MENACE* and *SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM*, both presented at Rogers Park's No Exit Café.

Awards: 7 Jeff nominations, 1 After Dark award

Where: No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood Avenue

Contact: 773-743-3355, www.theoubique.org

Theatre on the Lake: *SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM*, with 7 Jeff nominations, will be presented by Theatre on the Lake, July 25-29, 2007.

Now playing at Theo Ubique: *THE LARAMIE PROJECT*, running until June 24, 2007.

Praise for BoHo:

"The entire cast gives the show plenty of 'razzle dazzle,'... they present the material as if their lives depended on it." (*FLORA THE RED MENACE*) - Dennis Polkow, New City

"An inviting and unbeatable ensemble delivering every number from the humorous to the sublime with alluring appeal." (*SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM*) - Tim Sauers, Gay Chicago

Glenwood Avenue Arts District in the heart of Rogers Park, features numerous artist studios, music venues, theaters and restaurants and is fast becoming known as a vibrant and unique arts destination, and was mentioned in a recent article in the Daily Herald by Leah Zeldes. "*Rogers Park, on the north edge of Chicago* , offers an urban vibe, intimate but exciting theater, a variety of live music, good restaurants and largely free parking, not to mention glorious Lake Michigan beachfront open to all."

Theatre on the Lake: 312.742.7994, www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

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