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## **Lifeline Theatre Presents “An Austen Soiree,” For 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit on June 6, At The Woman’s Club of Evanston**

CHICAGO – **Lifeline Theatre** presents “An Austen Soiree: Readings, Music and Games of Jane’s World” for its 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit. It’s an evening that captures the spirit of Jane Austen’s world, in a setting reminiscent of a Regency country house. Ladies and gentlemen of the time will be in attendance, as guests enjoy games, dancing and music of the period. There will be Regency-inspired dining as well as delectable wines, small beers and fine whiskeys. Also command performances from favorite Austen novels, an exciting live auction and our Speculation Raffle. It’s an evening of fun for Janeites and Non-Janeites alike. And all for a very good cause.

**An Austen Soiree** takes place from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at the Woman’s Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL. Tickets are \$100 for advance purchase, and \$125 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Lifeline Theatre Box Office, 773.761.4477, or by visiting [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com).

The Lifeline Theatre Austen Soiree is generously sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, Corn Products International, Chicago Office Technology Group, and Koval Distillery.

**Live auction** treasures include:

- **A Mackinac Island Getaway** for two, including hotel stay at the Iroquois Hotel and gift certificates to local restaurants and recreational entertainment
- **Ultimate Chicago Sports Fan Experience**, including a behind-the-scenes tour of Soldier Field (for up to 15 people), two tickets to the Cross Town Classic (Cubs vs. White Sox) at U.S. Cellular Field, signed baseballs by Robin Ventura (Manager, White Sox) and David DeJesus (Right Fielder, Cubs), and four tickets to a Northwestern Football home game
- **A Downtown Chicago VIP Experience**, including two tickets to the opening performances and private reception for the Goodman Theatre’s *Other Desert Cities*, private limo service, and VIP treatment for up to four at TRU
- **A Private Boat Cruise** for six, departing from Belmont Harbor for a day-long trip on Lake Michigan
- **All Things Austen**, including a portrait of Jane Austen, a Jane Austen trivia game, complimentary Chicago carriage ride, and traditional tea service. Package also includes a wine and cheese social for you and your friends with the director and adaptor of Lifeline’s production of *Pride and Prejudice*
- And more...

The **Speculation Raffle** is a cash drawing:

- First Prize: **\$2,000**
- Second Prize: **\$750**
- Third Prize: **\$250**

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Raffle tickets are only one for \$10, or three for \$20. You need not attend the gala to win, and raffle tickets may be purchased online via <http://www.lifelinetheatre.com/news/2012raffle.shtml>. Prizes are dependent on number of tickets sold and may vary.

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Parking is located steps away at 525 Church Street (garage) and behind the Evanston Public Library (metered lot).

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Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> season, Lifeline Theatre specializes in original literary adaptations. Its ensemble of artists uses imaginative, unconventional staging to portray sprawling stories in an intimate space. Lifeline is committed to promoting the arts in its Rogers Park neighborhood and is an anchor of the Glenwood Avenue Arts District. We aspire to create art that is relevant to our culturally diverse, increasingly youthful neighborhood. Lifeline Theatre – Big Stories, Up Close.

Lifeline Theatre's programs are partially supported by Alphawood Foundation; The Arts Work Fund; Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation; a CityArts grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation; The Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust; Lloyd A. Fry Foundation; The Grover Hermann Foundation; Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at Prince; The Pauls Foundation; The Polk Bros. Foundation; The Rhoades Foundation; The Polk Bros. Foundation; S&C Foundation; The Saints; The Service Club of Chicago; and the annual support of businesses and individuals.