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**THE AUDITORIUM THEATRE'S AUXILIARY BOARD AND RIVERS CASINO
PRESENT THE SIXTH ANNUAL
DEVIL'S BALL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

This Year's Theme – **Masquerade** – Celebrates an Evening of Drinks, Food, and Dancing
Right On the Auditorium Theatre's Landmark Stage

All Proceeds Benefit the Preservation of this National Historic Landmark
and Their Creative Engagement Programs

CHICAGO, IL — The **Auditorium Theatre's Auxiliary Board** and **Rivers Casino** brings "Masquerade" to this National Historic Landmark with the sixth annual **Devil's Ball, Friday, September 23 from 7:30 – 11PM**. For the first time, the event will be held on the Auditorium's Landmark Stage, making this iconic theatre – a 126 year old building designed by the great **Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan** - one of the most stunning backdrops of any party in Chicago! Party guests will enjoy fabulous food, an open bar, tours of theatre, and **dancing right on the same stage where Prince, Bruce Springsteen, Jack White, and Alvin Ailey once stood!** As in year's past, The Devil's Ball will also feature "surprise" pop-up entertainment. All proceeds go to support the continued preservation of the Auditorium Theatre, as well as the Auditorium's diverse creative engagement programs.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, August 3 at 10AM and are \$65 through Friday, September 2. Tickets are \$75 through Thursday, September 22 at midnight, and are available the day of the event and at the door for \$85. Tickets are available online at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by phone at 312.341.2300, and in person at 50 E Congress Pkwy.

"The Devil's Ball has become one of Chicago's most anticipated events in Chicago each fall," said Auditorium Theatre Auxiliary Board Chair **Dillon Goodson**. "This year, we are thrilled to move this event on the Auditorium's hallowed stage, a unique and distinctive setting that few people get to experience."

The Devil's Ball – Masquerade is hosted by the Auditorium Theatre's Auxiliary Board, a diverse group of young professional committed to the restoration and preservation of this Historical Landmark. Guests are encouraged to wear costume masques - a Best Masque contest will feature one-of-a-kind prizes (DIY encouraged!) The evening includes an open bar featuring beer, wine, and signature vodka cocktails from **CH Distillery**, heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by **Food for Thought**, dessert from **Russian Tea Time**, up-close magic from **Benjamin Barnes**, and music brought to you by the DJs at **Toast & Jam**. All throughout the evening guests may go on a behind-the-scenes tour and learn about the Auditorium's storied

history. There will also be a silent auction featuring such items as tickets to Chicago sporting events and hotel and restaurant gift certificates. Each year The Devil's Ball offers a Wine Raffle where for only \$15 for 1 bottle or \$40 for 3 bottles everyone is a winner! As always, The Devil's Ball will feature "surprise" pop-up entertainment – last year's Ball featured the marching brass band Environmental Encroachment, and in 2014 Burlesque dancers performed.

The Devil's Ball Presenting Sponsor is **Rivers Casino**, and its Gold Sponsors are **Dia S. and Edward S. Weil, Jr. Chicago Magazine** is the exclusive media sponsor, with in-kind support provided by **BBJ Linens, Benjamin Barnes Magic, Chirp Design, CH Distillery, Curb, Julia Nash Photography, Mid-American Printing Systems, Inc., My Drink On, Russian Tea Time, Smilebooth, and Voveti.**

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About Auditorium Theatre Auxiliary Board

The Auditorium Theatre Auxiliary Board is a diverse group of young professionals committed to furthering the mission of the Auditorium Theatre. The Auxiliary Board is devoted to raising awareness and generating support for the Auditorium's educational outreach efforts and world-renowned programming and helping fund the restoration and preservation of our National Historic Landmark Auditorium Theatre.

About The Auditorium Theatre

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E. Congress Pkwy in Chicago, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community and educational programming to Chicago, and to the continued restoration and preservation of the National Historic Landmark. In September of 2014, the Auditorium Theatre was awarded the inaugural Fifth Star Award by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

The Auditorium Theatre 2016-17 Season is made possible in part with support from the MacArthur Foundation, the Illinois Arts Council and the Palmer House Hilton. For more information about programming, volunteer and donor opportunities or theatre tours, call 312.341.2310 or visit AuditoriumTheatre.org. For a complete listing of events at the Auditorium Theatre, please click [here](#).

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