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What Fairy Tale Character Will You Be?

Magic Comes Alive at Hartford Children's Theatre Kid At Heart Gala

HARTFORD, CT (March 1, 2010) – Fairy tales will come to life when Hartford Children's Theatre (HCT) celebrates its 20th Anniversary at the 2010 Kid At Heart Gala on Saturday, March 27 in Downtown Hartford's Bond Ballroom.

Guests will have the chance to mix and mingle with Glinda the Good Witch, Wicked Witch of the East and the West, Alice in Wonderland, The Mad Hatter, Shrek and his beautiful bride Princess Fiona, Peter Plan, Puss N' Boots and many more fairy tale characters, both traditional and contemporary.

"This will be one of Hartford's most magical evenings," said Gala Chair Kim Pita of Pita Group. "How often do adults have the chance to feel like a kid again. This event will bring out the child in all of us and remind us how important it is to nourish a child's imagination."

Hartford Children's Theatre (HCT) students and teaching artists will entertain guests with five performances, including a medley of musical theatre from past HCT shows and special presentations featuring the 2010 Kid At Heart honorees.

2010 honorees, being recognized for their commitment to youth and the arts, are **Ted Carroll**, executive director of Leadership Greater Hartford, and **Susan Rottner**, retired president of Bank of America Connecticut and current board chair of Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Arts. **Damon Scott**, radio personality of WTIC-FM, will be guest emcee.

For 20 years through high quality theater and education, Hartford Children's Theatre has taught thousands of Connecticut children lessons on respect and diversity, while building their confidence and literacy skills.

While costumes are not mandatory, they are encouraged. Gala guests can choose to come dressed in their best gowns, cocktail dresses, tuxes or suits, or as their favorite fairy tale character.

The night of enchantment, which begins at 5:30, will feature a silent and live auction, including two Broadway theatre packages, a week in Newport package and an Extreme Home Makeover package. Held at the Bond Ballroom located at 338 Asylum Ave., the gala ends at 11 p.m., just before the carriage turns into a pumpkin.

This celebration of Hartford's youth and arts community is being sponsored by Lincoln Financial Foundation, Travelers, Aetna, Bank of America, ING, Advanced Copy Technologies, Inc. , The Reach Foundation, Halloran and Sage and WFSB-Channel 3.

Tickets are \$125 per person or at a discounted rate of \$1,150 for a table of 10. Proceeds of the Kid At Heart Gala will benefit Hartford Children's Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling John at 860.249.7970 ext. 12 or click on www.hartfordchildrenstheatre.org to view the event invitation.

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Hartford Children's Theatre's mission is to enrich the lives of the children of Greater Hartford by providing access and exposure to high quality theatre for young audiences and related educational opportunities.