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HEADCHEESE FAT BOSS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:
THE HIPMAS CAROL

Chicago, October 14th, 2008 - Now entering its 9th critically acclaimed season, "The Hipmas Carol" will open its 2008 holiday run at The Chicago Center for the Performing Arts on December 5th, at 8:00pm for a special 3 week limited run. "The Hipmas Carol" is a hip, unique and wholly original reinterpretation of the Dickens classic that was inspired, in part, by Sir Lord Buckley, and has playful, whimsical notes likened to Dr. Seuss at times. Performed by the black suited Tyler Bohne and Patrick Zielinski, the show is illustrated musically by the exciting and talented, Ritch Valadez.

This hour long, sometimes funny, and at times, striking and dramatic, tribute of "A Christmas Carol" is presented in a refreshingly different and non flashy style that manages to remain warm and wry while never losing its distinctly urban edge. Infused with elements of beat poetry, spoken word and storytelling, the performers deliver a barrage of rhyming couplets over a rich and ever-present live guitar score laced with jazz and blues. Pat and Tyler narrate the piece and effortlessly invoke every character effectively while never changing costume or leaving the stage; creating a playful pattern and rich rhythm for audiences' ears. Far from a parody, this hip and heartfelt adaptation has enchanted theatergoers and fans of storytelling for years.

The cast includes Patrick Zielinski and Tyler Bohne, two best friends from Milwaukee who founded HeadCheese Fat Boss Productions and have written and performed together for stage, screen and cable television for almost twenty years. For the second season, jazz and avant-garde improv guitarist, Ritch Valadez joins the veteran performers. Ritch is the guitarist for two Chicago bands, "Digable Cat" and "The Illustrated." He has performed at The House of Blues, The Double Door, The Note and The Wise Fools Pub, to name a few. He studied with John Mclean and David Bloom, has played with Rick Shandling and has had a #1 hit on songplanet.com. Ritch was also the guitar player for the well known musical improv troupe, "Baby Wants Candy" for countless shows.

- **Opening: Friday, December 5th at 8:00pm.**
- **Closing: Saturday, December 20th at 8pm.**
- **Specific dates and times: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Matinees Saturday at 5pm. Available for group parties and private events by calling 312-733-6000 or visiting www.grouptheatertix.com.**
- **Location: The Chicago Center for the Performing Arts. 777 N. Green St. Chicago, IL. 60622**
- **Price: Regular full adult price is \$25.00. Children 12 and under and Senior Citizens: \$17.00**
- **Discounts: Groups of ten or more people receive \$5.00 off every ticket purchased. For group sales information contact Tami at www.Grouptheatertix.com.**
- **Reservations: Reservations can be made by going to www.theaterland.com or boxoffice@theaterland.com or by calling The Box Office at: 312-733-6000.**
- **Cast: Tyler Bohne, Patrick Zielinski. Featuring Ritch Valadez on guitar.**

For press/media related information about "The Hipmas Carol" call: (773) 539-2915 or visit our brand new website at www.headcheesefatboss.com. To order tickets visit www.theaterland.com or call 312-733-6000.
B-roll and photos are available upon request.

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