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**Cornish College Theater Department Hosts Cabaret Fundraiser for Tsunami Relief
Friday, March 11, 2005, 6-10 pm**

Two Venues: Raisbeck Performance Hall, Ned & Kayla Skinner Theater, 2015 Boren Avenue, Seattle
Cornish College of the Arts Main Campus Center, Studio 102, (First Floor) 1000 Lenora Street, Seattle
Cabaret: ten minute performances of live music, monologues, singing, short plays, poetry readings and new works.

Suggested donation: \$10, which will go directly to affected communities in Phuket, Thailand
For information, call 206.726.5011.

SEATTLE, WA – Cornish College of the Arts is pleased to announce a late-breaking **Cabaret Fundraiser for Tsunami Relief on Friday, March 11th from 6-10 pm**. Cornish College's Theater Department is holding a cabaret of ten minute performances by local theater artists as well as faculty and alumni, staging a variety of performances including live music, monologues, singing, short plays, poetry readings, and new works.

Cornish Theater faculty member Bob MacDougall has been directly involved in the effort to rebuild coastal communities in Phuket, Thailand. He departed for Thailand the day after the tsunami occurred and worked for weeks, assisting families in Phuket; he is currently in Thailand for another two weeks, continuing his work there. Moved by MacDougall's courage and commitment, the Theater Department faculty was compelled to help raise funds for the communities MacDougall has been working with. Funds raised will go directly to the communities MacDougall has been helping to rebuild.

Participating artists include: the band Southside, featuring Troy from the band Trepin, Todd Jefferson Moore (actor, writer), Alyssa Keene (faculty, Theater alumna), Sheila Daniels (Theater faculty, local director), actor Lanise Shelly (Theater alumna), Julia Francis (Theater alumna), Ellen Boyle (Theater/Dance faculty), actor Sarah Papino, and poets Kim MacKay (Humanities & Sciences faculty), Adriana Grant and Laura McKee, both staff members.

Utilizing the talents of the Theater students and faculty, and connecting with their professional colleagues, the Theater Department has put together what promises to be a evening of compelling performances, moving art past self expression to become a catalyst for compassion.

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ABOUT CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Cornish College of the Arts is the premier, accredited arts college in the Northwest, inspiring the highest standards of artistic and academic excellence. Founded in 1914 by Nellie Cornish, Cornish College is the only private, accredited college in the region offering baccalaureate degrees in visual and performing arts. Cornish College offers a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art, dance, design, theater and performance production. Uniquely, Cornish College provides a rigorous educational environment for the cultivation of technical mastery, artistic integrity and practical knowledge. The faculty at Cornish is comprised of practicing master artists and professional educators, renowned in their respective fields. The college maintains a low student to faculty ratio, allowing for individualized teaching and mentoring. Cornish College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Over the years, Cornish has hosted a parade of important artists in the roles of students, teachers or as visiting artists-in-residence, including John Cage, Merce Cunningham, Mark Tobey, Martha Graham, Ping Chong, Kenny Werner, Obo Addy, Mark Morris, Meredith Monk, Rinde Eckert, Bebe Miller, Ruth St. Denis, Ted Shawn, Robin Holcomb, Chet Huntley, Syvilla Fort, Ralph Towner, Mary Frank, Thornton Wilder, Lou Harrison, Bill Frisell, Morris Graves, Jane Ira Bloom, Kraig Patterson, Musicians Accord, Bun Ching Lam, Brendan Fraser, Myra Melford, Sharon Isbin, Joanne Brackeen, Oliver Lake, California Ear Unit, Colorado Quartet, and Gary Peacock, among others.

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