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DETROIT IS IN THE HOUSE IN HOLLYWOOD

Los Angeles, CA: Alumni Detroit and The Detroit Creativity Project, along with The Real 313 are excited to announce The Season of Giving Benefit on Saturday, December 5th, 2015 in Los Angeles. This night of star- studded comedy and music brings together some of the best and brightest exports from the Motor City.

This inaugural benefit is to raise funds and awareness in support of the Detroit Creativity Project, which offers free training in improvisational theater to Detroit middle and high school students. Since 2012 the DCP's Improv Project has trained over 1000 students to improvise.

The DCP is the brainchild of actor Marc Evan Jackson known for his roles in Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Parks and Recreation, and his hilarious turn as Dr. Murphy in 22 Jumpstreet. Along with his wife, Beth Hagenlocker they have spearheaded efforts to keep the arts alive for students in Detroit.

“For many of the students we teach, this program is their only creative outlet. And for many of them, this provides a chance to see their world through a broader lens. They see that more is possible for their lives.” DCP founder Marc Evan Jackson said.

Jackson continued, “We are so thrilled and honored to be working with Alumni Detroit. The funds raised from this event will allow us to add new students to The Improv Project in 2016”

Come to one of L.A.’s top-rated pizza joints, DeSano Pizza Bakery and revel in the comedy of the 313, an improv group made up of L.A.-based Detroit Second City alums including Larry Joe Campbell, Andy Cobb, Marc Evan Jackson, Keegan-Michael Key, Joshua Funk, Nyima Funk, Maribeth Monroe, Jaime Moyer, Marc Warzecha, Nancy Hayden, and Sam Richardson .

Jackson said, “For me it means the chance to give back to the city where I got my start professionally. It is because of the collaborative and positive aspects of improvisation that so many others like me are able to get paid for what we love to do here in Hollywood.”

You may be asking yourself, “What is Alumni Detroit” and “Hey, I think I may be an Alumni of Detroit.” Alumni Detroit is an organization that works to promote events that benefit Detroit-based people, causes, and organizations.

Membership to Alumni Detroit is automatically granted to anyone who has lived, worked, played, or been educated in or around the Motor City and is looking for a way to give back and contribute to the Renaissance that is DETROIT!

Not from Detroit... NO PROBLEM. As we say in The D- “Ain’t no Party like a Detroit Party!” so you can still be a part of the club. Nothing is cooler than Detroit these days so increase your street cred and join the fun.

Alumni Detroit presents The Season of Giving Benefit for The Detroit Creativity Project. Saturday, December 5th from 7pm- 11pm at DeSano Pizza Bakery. DeSano is located at 4959 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90029. There is ample gated parking. The lights go up and the Step and Repeat begins at 6:30pm.

ABOUT:

Alumni Detroit is an organization that works to promote events that benefit Detroit-based people, causes, and organizations. Conceived by L.A. based television producer David DeAngelis, Alumni Detroit is an outlet for those who dreamed of following their bliss and through grit, spit, and a whole lot of duct tape, have managed to make their dreams their reality. From grungy rehearsal spaces in University basements, dive bars and backstage, backrooms and coffeehouses turned theatres, Cass corridor walkups, and classic Hamtramck music venues, the Spirit of Detroit runs through all who are touched by The Motor City. Through good work, philanthropy, and fun, Alumni Detroit strives to create a thriving community committed to sharing.

The Detroit Creativity Project: Our mission is to empower and inspire young people through improvisation -- an art form that helps students build confidence and develop a creative and collaborative approach to their lives. Faced with a challenging economy and tightening budgets, schools nationwide have substantially reduced funding for arts

programming. The Detroit Creativity Project (DCP) was founded in 2011 by working artists who believe that arts education provides a critical element of learning for all students, and is not an expendable part of the curriculum. Whether painting, playing music, or taking the stage, the arts allow students to develop skills they need now and in the future.

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NOTE TO EDITOR:

Photo of The 313.

Front row from left to right- Nancy Hayden, Maribeth Monroe, Nyima Funk, Jaime Moyer, Larry Joe Campbell, and Sam Richardson.

Back row: Andy Cobb, Keegan- Michael Key, Marc Evan Jackson, Joshua Funk, and Marc Warzecha

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