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**FIRST STAGE CHILDREN'S THEATER ANNOUNCES THEY WILL BE
HOSTING BIRTHDAY PARTIES STARTING IN FEBRUARY**

MILWAUKEE, WIS. (January 7, 2009) – First Stage Theater Academy – First Stage Children's Theater's theater training program for young people – is excited to announce they will be hosting birthday parties at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center starting in February 2009.

“ Families can now share the First Stage experience with friends by hosting their child's next birthday at First Stage Children's Theater. Children will be delighted” said First Stage Associate Academy Director Laurie Nicholas DeMoon

Partygoers will be able to celebrate in their own room, experience a dinosaur workshop taught by a First Stage Teaching Artist and then enjoy THE DINOSAUR PLAY with their group.

During the workshop guests will be guided through dramatic activities that encourage self-expression, cooperation and imagination involving creative participation that will be based around the themes of THE DINOSAUR PLAY. Led by a First Stage Theater Academy Teaching Artist, the children will have an unforgettable emersion into the dinosaur world.

Part of First Stage's First Steps Series, THE DINOSAUR PLAY is by Steve and Kathy Hotchner and will take audiences back millions of years to when dinosaurs ruled the earth. A single dinosaur egg taps out a call for help and with the help of the children, the egg hatches, an uneasy alliance is formed with a Triceratops and they band together to defeat the menacing Tyrannosaurus Rex. This play is most appreciated by children ages three to six in a interactive environment.

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PARTY DATES

Birthday parties will be held from 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. or 12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 West Walnut Street in Milwaukee.

Saturdays February 21 & 28

Sundays February 22 & March 1

PARTY INFORMATION

Parties cost \$275 (additional guests may be added for a fee) and include a room for the party, tickets for eight children and two adults to attend THE DINOSAUR PLAY, a birthday workshop with a First Stage Teaching Artist, plates, napkins, flatware, cups, candles, tablecloth and a special gift for the birthday child. Cake and beverages are not included, but guests can bring their own.

To book a birthday party or for more information visit www.FirstStage.org or call the First Stage Theater Academy office at (414) 267-2970.

First Stage Children's Theater is Milwaukee's premier, professional family theater. Founded in 1987, the mission of the company is to touch hearts and transform lives by creating exceptional theater experiences for young people and families through professional theater productions, theater academy training and dynamic in-school education programs. First Stage is a member of the Theater Wisconsin and Milwaukee Arts Partners, and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF).

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