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MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATRE'S 10TH ANNUAL RETRO PROM!

Tenth Annual Retro Prom | March 29, 2014 at William R. Talley Recreation Center

FREDERICK, MD (March 1, 2014) - **Maryland Ensemble Theatre's** (MET) annual **Retro Prom** is returning for the tenth straight year. The Frederick non-profit theatre company's annual fundraiser has reached new heights in recent years and will look to build on that success this year. A collection of some of Frederick's favorite eateries will cater the event that will be hosted by master of ceremonies, the always entertaining theatre veteran, **Joe Casta**. The Prom which will also feature the musical stylings of **The Spin Doctor**, dancing, door prizes, a silent auction, prom photos, a cash bar and a late night pizza party will be held on **March 29th** from 7:00-11:30pm at the **Talley Recreation Center** (121 N. Bentz St. Frederick). The night will kick off with Happy Hour from 7-8pm, featuring half priced drinks.

The local restaurants providing appetizers and desserts including **Beans & Bagels, Canal Bar & Grill, Jo Jo's Taphouse, The Raw Bar and Grill, The Savory Spoon Catering, Renaissance Chef Catering, Bushwallers** and **The Perfect Truffle** among others. The culinary adventure will conclude with a late night pizza party.

Retro Prom's new Master of Ceremonies, Joe Casta is a graduate of **WVU** where he received his MFA in theatre. He was one of the founders and director of "Big Pig Productions" in Chicago and has been a director and actor in Shepherdstown, WV at the Contemporary American Theatre Festival. He has toured extensively with **Boston Chamber Repertory Theatre Company** and now makes his home in Providence, RI. Joe was a guest star in the MET's production of "Hee Haw" last year and is thrilled to be back at the MET with among friends to host this year's Retro Prom!

The Spin Doctor, Prom's resident DJ is returning to provide the music for the evening that keeps everyone dancing all night long., There will be door prizes, a cash bar and a silent auction. As always Prom attire from any decade is encouraged but not required.

Tickets or tables may be purchased online at **marylandensemble.org**, by phone at **(301) 694-4744** or in person at the MET box office. All tickets are \$40 at the door or two tickets can be purchased in advance for \$70. Tables for four to eight people (\$200-\$400) are also available to be reserved in advance and include a sign with the party's name and a bottle of champagne on ice. There will also be standing high-top tables and limited non-table seating for those just purchasing individual tickets.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Maryland Ensemble Theatre who for over fifteen years have been producing thought-provoking theatre, fun family entertainment, artist residency programs for public schools, challenging classes and the side-splitting comedy. This year's Retro Prom is proud to be sponsored by **Yelp**.

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RETRO PROM INFORMATION

Where: William R. Talley Recreation Center, 121 N. Bentz St. Frederick, MD 21701

Date/Time: March 29, 2014 @ 7PM

Ticket Prices: \$40 per person, \$70 couple (in advance only), \$200 table for 4, \$400 table for 8 (in advance only).
Additional Service Fees may apply.

Box Office: 301-694-4744 or marylandensemble.org or at the MET (Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 3pm, Friday 11am - 3pm and 1 hour before each show.)

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