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Press Release

Actors Theatre of Windsor Announces the Online Celebrity Auction of **Geoffrey Fieger's costume worn in the Staged Reading of '12 Angry Men' Feb 15, 2008, in The 2008 Legal Benefit for ATW for: **The Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, Social Justice Programs at the University of Windsor & The 2008 Windsor International Fringe Festival, to be held July 18-27, in downtown Windsor, Ontario, Canada****

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WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA -- Mona el Baroudi, Artistic Director of Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW), announced today an online fund raising auction on E-bay of Geoffrey Fieger's Costume from the staged-reading, benefit performance of '12 Angry Men'. The costume and show souvenir packages will be up for bid on E-Bay starting, Monday, February 25, 2008 to benefit the development of the Windsor International Fringe Festival (The Windsor Fringe) and to strengthen the already active and roster of summer arts festivals and cultural programming on both sides of the Windsor/Detroit border, "*Our International Region*", to further develop Arts & Culture Tourism in the area. (<http://cgi3.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=1200512008> for ATW & SACC)

"I sought out Mr. Fieger because I believe he is a man of passion and intuition with a very personal approach and style," said el Baroudi, who directed the production. "Each actor who takes on this part is challenged to bring the character to life with the specter of Henry Fonda's classic interpretation hanging over their shoulder. Reviews like 'Henry Fonda played this role with under-stated brilliance' meant it was crucial to find an actor who would be undaunted by the classic film performance and be ready to bring their own style to the part, while staying true to the integrity of the character. And Mr. Fieger did not disappoint, he gave a stellar performances in this very challenging role, to a very appreciative audience."

Actors Theatre of Windsor – a not-for-profit professional theatre company, she co-founded with her husband, Actor Gord Mackenzie to develop a full-scale, regional, professional theatre company in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, has the mandate to produce a professional season of theatrical shows, coupled with a community outreach program, which will produce The 2008 Windsor Fringe, and which encourages collaboration between artists and social justice organizations to raise both awareness and initiate community discussion through artistic expression on both sides of the Detroit River.

The event also benefited the Windsor Regional Sexual Assault Crisis Centre (SACC) initiative “*Independent Legal Representation for Victims of Sexual Assault*”, who co-produced the event, as well as the Social Justice Programs at the University of Windsor.

“The ATW Board of Directors, Mona and I are honored that Geoffrey Fieger and the team of participating lawyers from both sides of the border, contributed their time and energy in support of artists and to further arts & culture industry. The time to diversify and grow our economies on both sides of border, during this challenging period for the automotive industry is now, and this benefit performance highlighted the value of artists partnering with business to grow a regional entertainment industry.” said Gord Mackenzie ATW Co-founder and board member. “The opportunity to support the SACC ‘*Independent Legal Representation for Victims of Sexual Assault*’ project, as well as the Social Justice programs at the Faculty of Law and the Centre for Studies in Social Justice at the University of Windsor, broadened the impact of the lawyers’ contribution to our region and making participation in the project that much more rewarding.”

The package to be auctioned includes: The suit, shirt, tie and tie clip worn by Geoffrey Fieger as JUROR EIGHT in the production of ‘12 Angry Men’. It also includes the following items, which will all be personally signed to the purchaser by Geoffrey Fieger: an 8 x 10 Composite photo of the actors and scenes from the as well as an 8 x 10 photo of Geoffrey Fieger on stage, wearing his costume from the show, also by photographer Don Martel and a show program from the 2008 Legal Benefit for ATW.

The entire Cast of 12 Angry Men included the following lawyers: Jay Armeland, Robert N. Brown, Kenneth W. Golish, Peter Hrastovec, Ken Marley, David McNevin, Karen Momotiuk, Frank Montello, Howard Pawley Larry Wilson, supported by professional actors Jay Gale and Gordon Mackenzie

About Actors Theatre of Windsor (ATW): The ATW Mission statement is four fold: to foster, produce and present a repertoire from the full-range of theatrical literature, from new plays, to accessible and illuminating productions of classical texts; to support the creative development and risk taking of both established and emerging theatre artists; to be a leader in identifying synergies and process improvements to optimize resources for the production of theatre in Canada South, in the spirit of community and collaboration; and, to be a catalyst for the exploration and development of networks for the presentation of theatre in South Western Ontario and South Eastern Michigan regions and beyond.

About the Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Essex County: Our mission is to aspire towards the eradication of sexual assault and sexual abuse from our society and promote the optimum services for victims of sexual violence in our community through education, advocacy and support and counseling services. S.A.C.C. strives to: *provide crisis intervention and trauma counseling that empowers victims of sexual violence*; provide sexual assault and sexual abuse information in order to improve attitudes towards victims; Ensure adequate community services are available for victims; and work towards the prevention of sexual violence in our society.