



## NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF

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### CHARLES "CJ" JONES TO BE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

#### AT 40TH ANNIVERSARY ANGELS DINNER GALA

West Hartford, CT: Aaron Kubey, Executive Director and President of the National Theatre of the Deaf, announced today the Angels Dinner Gala to benefit the Company and to celebrate 40 years of providing a unique style of theatre to audiences of all ages. The gala will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 6:30 pm to midnight and will be held at the Aqua Turf Club\* in Plantsville, Connecticut. The evening will consist of fine dining, silent auction and reminiscence.

Master of Ceremonies will be CJ Jones who performed with the National Theatre of the Deaf during the 1976-78 seasons with their production of *Four Saints in Three Acts* and *The Three Musketeers*. He also toured as a performer with Little Theatre of the Deaf. CJ Jones is known as the "Living Cartoon" and his career spans' that of a producer, director, writer, actor, comedian, and motivational speaker.

Celebrating its **40th anniversary**, NTD is the oldest, continuously performing professional touring theatre company in the country. During its history, NTD has completed over 100 national and 31 international tours and has appeared in all 50 states and on all 7 continents. It has received critical acclaim for its adaptations of classical literature and original works, and it has collaborated with such theatrical luminary artists as Marcel Marceau, Chita Rivera, Jason Robards, Peter Sellers, Meryl Streep, and Colleen Dewhurst

Mr. Jones commented "My first theater job ever was with National Theater of the Deaf in 1976. Traveling with NTD for two years was the highlight of my career which inspired me to dream bigger things: become a stand up comedian, perform on Broadway, write a play, attend auditions for television or film, etc. So much has happened in my career, so I'm always grateful to NTD for giving me the vision to do greater things for the deaf and hard of hearing actors". ([www.cjjoneslive.com](http://www.cjjoneslive.com)).

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