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SPEND A SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH ARIZONA THEATRE COMPANY: PRE-SHOW CHAMPAGNE AND CHOCOLATE, STEPHEN SCHWARTZ'S LATEST MUSICAL AND DINNER PACKAGES

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Nov. 30, 2015): Bring in the new year with a full evening of entertainment that includes champagne and chocolate, Stephen Schwartz's new musical comedy, ***Snapshots***, and a great dinner at one of two of downtown Phoenix's most talked-about restaurants.

Arizona Theatre Company's memorable New Year's Eve package at the Herberger Theater Center features the pre-show champagne and chocolate reception from 6:30-7:30 p.m., tickets to ***Snapshots*** from the creator of ***Wicked*** and ***Godspell***, and dinner before the show at either Bliss/ReBar, 905 N. 4th St., or Province Restaurant at the Westin Phoenix Downtown Hotel, 333 N. Central Ave. Dinner seatings are scheduled at 5, 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. at Bliss ReBar and at 5 and 5:30 p.m. at Province.

Dinner packages start at \$101. Tickets for the performance and pre-show reception range from \$71 to \$87. Add \$30 per person for dinner at Bliss/ReBar or \$35 for dinner at Province.

Province package includes valet parking and the following menu options: Appetizer: soup of the day, house salad or seasonal toast; Entrée Choices: braised beef short rib,

Tillamook cheddar grits, reduced pan sauce; or pan-seared striped sea bass, red quinoa, braised leeks, crispy fennel, rendered pancetta emulsion; or achiote rubbed half chicken, pan-seared skin on breast with slow braised dark meat, sweet potato dumplings, chives, pasilla jus; or roasted vegetable moussaka of seasonal vegetables served over red quinoa, beluga lentils with mozzarella cheese.

The Bliss/ReBAR menu for New Year's Eve includes: Appetizer: golden beet salad, over baby spinach, toasted almonds, cherry tomatoes, pomegranates, warm goat cheese fritter; Entrée Choices: 6oz airline chicken breast or 6oz sirloin served with black peppercorn sauce, red skin mash potatoes and grilled seasonal veggie (vegetarian option available on request.); Dessert: red velvet cake; plus one glass of wine, beer or a specialty cocktail made for the event.

Snapshots is a delightful new musical with a book by David Stern, conceived by Stern and Michael Scheman. A romantic comedy that tells the story of one couple's changing relationship through the years, from their childhood friendship to their waning marriage decades later, **Snapshots** is appropriate for all audiences. In an innovative new musical format, the show features a score comprised of the work of Schwartz, with 25 songs from 12 beloved shows throughout his career.

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For reservations call the Arizona Theatre Company Box Office at (602) 256-6995 or visit www.arizonatheatre.org.

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