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PRESS RELEASE

'Rising Stars' Fundraiser to Feature American Musical Classics and Choreography of Legendary Bob Fosse

All Proceeds Benefit Foster Youth and Performing Arts Program

World-renowned director and choreographer Jon Engstrom will channel the spirit of the legendary Bob Fosse to produce "All That Jazz – A Tribute to Bob Fosse," a stunning musical performance featuring some of today's most talented youth performers to be featured at the 2nd annual "Rising Stars" fundraising event on Saturday, October 9, 2004. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Norris Center for the Performing Arts located at 27570 Crossfield Drive in Rolling Hills Estates. "All That Jazz – A Tribute to Bob Fosse" will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Norris Theatre following a special presentation honoring Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Devine for her years of devotion to helping youth in need.

Sponsored by The Teague Family Foundation, "Rising Stars" is held in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and the Norris Center for the Performing Arts. All proceeds from the event go towards college scholarships for foster youth and performing arts scholarships for youth, including many foster children who will be enrolled in the Center's arts program this year.

"All That Jazz – A Tribute to Bob Fosse" will feature more than two dozen of today's most talented young actors and dancers with special appearances by famed choreographers, performers and vocal directors. The evening's show is centered on tunes from celebrated American musicals and the brilliant choreography of the legendary Bob Fosse.

Contributing to the evening's performance are:

- **Director and Choreographer Jon Engstrom**, who has worked throughout the United States and the world. His production of "42nd Street" in Germany was voted by the International Press as one of the two most popular musicals in Europe. Among the dozens of other productions that Engstrom has directed for major venues include "Damn Yankees," "West Side Story," "Evita," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Guys and Dolls."

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Engstrom has been awarded eight Drama-Logue Awards, and three Robby Awards. He has been a featured dancer in five Broadway musicals including "42nd Street" and two national tours of "Chicago" and "Seesaw."

- **Performer Chelsey Powell**, who has performed in the national tour of "Mamma Mia," "Sweet Charity," "Evita" and "Secret Garden." Powell can also be seen on television commercials and has appeared on the soap opera "Passions." Powell has taught numerous master classes at the Norris Center for the Performing Arts and has taught dance to all ages.
- **Choreographer and Performer Garrett Minitti**, who brings his dance expertise straight from the national tours of "42nd Street", "Swing" and the international tap sensation "Caution, Men At Work." He has appeared on stage, screen and television.
- **Vocal Musical Director and Conductor Tom Harriman**, an Emmy award winner who has developed scores for hundreds of film and television shows including "Popular," "Baywatch," "Diagnosis Murder," "The Sopranos," "The West Wing" and "Autumn in New York." He has participated in many productions over the past 20 years, most recently contributing to the musical "Dennis the Menace."

Individual tickets for "Rising Stars" cost \$200 and include a four-star dinner, live show, and live and silent auctions. Corporate sponsorships are available. To purchase tickets for "Rising Stars," please call Jill Golden of The Teague Family Foundation at (310) 373-0888.

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