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***Tellin' Tales Theatre Honors Its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at an Epic Celebration  
First Theatre Group in Chicago to Feature Mix of Performers With and Without Disabilities***

CHICAGO - Tellin' Tales Theatre commemorates two decades of life-changing theater at their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Benefit at 6:30 p.m., May 21 at the historic Fainman Lounge at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Steering the evening will be Master of Ceremonies, Chicago White Sox announcer, Jason Benetti, and the evening will shift into high gear with music and comedy legends Amy Armstrong and Freddy Allen. General admission is \$100; tickets are available at [tellintales.org](http://tellintales.org).

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, signature cocktails, live and silent auctions and a 20-year retrospective show featuring performers and video add to the evening. To top off the festivities, college student Stephen Hiatt-Leonard and community arts leader Rob Lentz will receive the TaleBlazer award for their strides in disability advocacy. All donations will benefit the year-round shows and programs of Tellin' Tales Theatre.

"This evening is truly to honor all of the performers with and without disabilities who stepped out of their comfort zones to tell their personal stories on stage," says Tekki Lomnicki, Founder and Artistic Director of Tellin' Tales Theatre.

*The mission of Tellin' Tales Theatre is to shatter barriers between the disabled and non-disabled worlds through the transformative power of personal story. We bring together children and adults from both communities to share their stories in theatrically innovative productions and programs to promote awareness, understanding and acceptance.*

**Listing Information**

Tellin' Tales Theatre presents  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Benefit  
May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Roosevelt University, Fainman Lounge, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago  
Live Entertainment, Silent & Live Auctions, Hors d'Oeuvres and Spirits

Tickets are now available at **[tellintales.org](http://tellintales.org)**

General Ticket price: \$100

Premium and VIP seating options available

The 2016 Season is made possible by the Illinois Arts Council and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.