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MOTAL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT BOWERS MUSEUM WITH A GALA SEPTEMBER 16

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Fullerton, California, August 27, 2017-- The Museum of Teaching and Learning (MOTAL) will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a gala at Bowers Museum, in Santa Ana, CA on Saturday, September 16, 2017. “School Days: Come As You Were” will honor the arts in education with a juried art auction and awards to public school educators who extend learning outside the classroom and within the community.

According to Greta Nagel, CEO & president of MOTAL, tickets are \$125 per person (or \$800 for a table of 8), event attendees will be treated to *Improv by Second City Hollywood* with audience participation; music by the *Ravelers Band*; and “brain food” (appetizers and an elegant dinner) by *Patina Catering* at the Bowers Museum in honor of MOTAL’s next exhibition on the brain and learning. “School Days: Come As You Were” costumes are optional, but will add to the celebration and to dancing to generations of rock ‘n’ roll and swing music.

Special “Arts Advocate of the Year” awards will go to three honorees: **Bob Jensen**, Retired Dean of Fine Arts, Fullerton College, nominated by Rick Stein, President and CEO of Arts Orange County; **Dr. Robert Pletka**, Superintendent, Fullerton School District, nominated by Lauralyn Eschner, Visual and Performing Arts Director, Fullerton School District; and **Carlone Herman**, Retired Teacher and current volunteer, Ocean View School District, nominated by Harva Carbone, Retired Teacher, Ocean View School District.

The broader Orange County community is actively involved in supporting MOTAL. The gala art committee members include Jim Dahl, Betsy Gibbs, Jesse LaTour, Matthew Leslie, Greta Nagel, and Paul Nagel. The gala is sponsored by several individuals (Gala Chair Mary Deming, Minard Duncan, Michael Habashi, Dan Jacobsen, Terry Kristiansen, and Executive Director Greta Nagel) and organizations (Blick Art Materials, Camp Bow Wow, Guardian Financial Partners, LCPTracker, McCoy Mills Ford, Print ‘n’ Save, Inc., and Village Art Center).

Over the last fifty-eight years The Second City has grown to become the world’s premier comedy club, theatre and school of improvisation—with live shows every night in Chicago, Toronto and Hollywood. Their unique way of fostering talent has cultivated generations of the world’s most iconic comedians, actors, writers, directors and leaders.

The Bowers Museum is located at 2002 N. Main St. in Santa Ana, CA.

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About MOTAL

MOTAL is a museum on the move with traveling exhibitions in demand throughout the west--Los Angeles, Long Beach, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Riverside, Fullerton and more! MOTAL exhibitions tell well-researched, fascinating stories that serve as springboards to public conversations and classroom activities. MOTAL is an independent nonprofit based in Orange County, California.

For more information on the Museum of Teaching and Learning and to purchase tickets and/or become a sponsor for the upcoming event, visit www.motal.org.

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