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***CHICAGO TAKES OFF*, A SEXY NEW BENEFIT FEATURING
MEMBERS OF CHICAGO'S DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS
COMMUNITY, TO DEBUT FEB. 10, 2007**

Modeled on New York's *Broadway Bares*, Event Proceeds Benefit
Test Positive Aware Network's AIDS Education and Prevention Programming

CHICAGO – Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) announced that it will stage the world premiere of ***CHICAGO TAKES OFF***, a first-time benefit which promises to expose the finest assets of Chicago's professional dance and performing arts community, February 10, 2007 at Park West, located at 322 W. Armitage.

Produced and directed by Dance for Life founders Keith Elliott and Todd Kiech, ***CHICAGO TAKES OFF*** will feature approximately 25 Chicago-based performers, both female and male, who will donate their time and many "talents" to create this sexy celebration of life. Inspired by the popular annual Broadway Bares (a benefit that sponsors Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS), ***CHICAGO TAKES OFF*** is a Burlesque revue-style performance, that will elevate the "strip-tease" to an art form.

"To paraphrase *All About Eve*, Chicagoans should get ready to fasten their seat belts –it's going to be a bumpy and *grindy* night," said Elliot. "***CHICAGO TAKES OFF*** is a classy but fun and very sexy burlesque that will take its audience on the fantasy flight of their lives. We think this will be a perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day!"

"We could think of no way as fun or entertaining to raise much-needed funding for HIV/AIDS programming at TPAN," said Rick Bejlovec, TPAN's executive director.

“We hope to establish a new Valentine’s weekend tradition in Chicago; an exciting new production that will be enjoyed by straight and GLBT audiences alike.”

CHICAGO TAKES OFF also will feature innovative and fun ways to raise funds for HIV/AIDS education. Following the formal performance, the “rotation” section will allow audience members an opportunity to show their appreciation to the performers by slipping gratuities bills in their g-strings. Another fun way to support **CHICAGO TAKES OFF** is to participate in the online “strip-a-thon” where donors can sponsor their favorite dancer.

At press time, the current sponsors supporting the efforts of **CHICAGO TAKES OFF** include: Hamburger Mary’s, X/O, Hydrate Chicago, J & L Catering, BoystownChicago.com, Equinox Fitness, Chicagopride.com, Gay Chicago Magazine, and the Paterno Group.

CHICAGO TAKES OFF is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2007 at the Park West, 322 W. Armitage in Chicago. Benefit tickets range in price from \$50 to \$300. Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets now, visit www.tpan.com or call 773-989-9400 or email events@tpan.com.