



**MEDIA ALERT | 09 APRIL 2009**

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## **Spy Hop Productions Annual Benefit**

*A Decade of Empowering Youth through Multimedia*

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### **ABOUT US**

Spy Hop Productions is a not-for-profit youth media arts and education center whose purpose is to empower youth to express their voice and with it create positive change in their lives, their community, and the world.

### **OUR MISSION**

To encourage free expression, self-discovery, critical and inventive thinking, and skilled participation via the big screen, the airwaves, and the world-wide-web.

**SALT LAKE CITY, UT** -- Spy Hop's Annual Benefit will be held Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center in the Jeanné Wagner Theatre from 6 - 9:30 PM. Spy Hop celebrates a decade of empowering youth through multimedia, having served over 5,000 youth since their doors opened in 1999. Spy Hop's Annual Benefit is its only fundraising event of the year, raising critical program funds for Salt Lake's emerging generation.

Edward Herrmann, Tony & Emmy Award winning actor, will be Spy Hop's guest speaker and Carter & The Coach, 103.5 The Arrow's morning DJ's, will emcee the evening. Kevin Gallagher will serve as the evening's auctioneer.

A duo from Spy Hop's arsenal of talented youth, Orion Chacon-Hurst and Torey Sisson, will perform on-stage as guests enter to enjoy Spy Hop's very own TASTE OF SALT LAKE CITY, sampling food from Salt Lake's finest restaurants including Bambara, Carlucci's Bakery, Cucina Toscana, d'lish, Em's Restaurant, Liberty Heights Fresh, Metropolitan Restaurant, Oasis Café, Sage's Café and So Cupcake. Beer provided by Red Rock Brewing Co., with wine provided by Vine Lore, Inc.

Guests will mingle amidst an atmosphere of nostalgic recollection as well as projected reminders of Spy Hop's social impact on its surrounding community with visual and print media displays.

Immediately following its social hour, there will be one-of-a-kind presentation and auction, including live musical performances from students, a keynote address by Edward Herrmann, live Loud & Clear radio presentation, plus several glimpses at film, sound, and digital design media selected from Spy Hop's vast corps of more than 600 students annually.

Spy Hop will then auction off each of its four core programs to the audience, plus one Sundance Film Festival Package.

The evening closes with a thank you from Spy Hop Chair, Lewis Francis, plus a musical send off from current Spy Hop youth Hip-Hop artists, Roe and UniverseAll.

All proceeds raised during the auction directly support Spy Hop's programming. Major sponsors for this event include: Zoo, Arts & Parks of Salt Lake County, Bonneville International – KSL TV 5, Utah Film Commission, Jon & Karyn Hodge, Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC, and XMission.

### **TICKET INFO**

**\$60 General Admission, \$40 Spy Hop Alumni (any core program graduate)**

RSVP by APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> to John Boyack @ (801) 532-7500 or [john@spyhop.org](mailto:john@spyhop.org).

Register online at: <http://spyhop.org/events-benefit.html>.

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